

AND the Waitress Said ...

On Thursday, I shared 21 concise statements of a document entitled *Good Old-Fashioned Advice*, which appeared in a newspaper article written by Jim Davidson, a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist.

The subject reminds me of a story about a truck driver who had been on the road for hours, was dead tired, and stopped at an all-night diner for something to eat.

After finding a seat, a waitress came over to take his order, and he said, "I would like to have two scrambled eggs, a sausage patty, some biscuits and gravy, and some kind words."

After a few minutes, the waitress came back, set his order in front of him, and turned to leave.

"Wait a minute, ma'am," he said. "What about those kind words?"

At this point, she leaned over and whispered where no one else could hear, and said, "Don't eat them eggs."

I don't know whether or not the truck driver took her advice, but it sounds as if he would have been better off if he had.

And that last statement contains the essence of what advice is all about.

According to the dictionary, one definition of advice is "counsel given to encourage or dissuade."



When we ask a person for advice, we are simply asking them to suggest the best course of action for us to take. This is not to say that we will allow this individual to make the decision for us, but that we want more input before making the final decision ourselves.

Obviously, the character and integrity of the people we seek out to ask for advice, along with their knowledge and experience, will go a long way in helping us become happy, well-adjusted and successful human beings.

Where there is no counsel, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety (Proverbs 11:14 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter