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Which Shoe Fits You?

We all are familiar with the saying, “If the shoe fits.” We know that it is a statement that points a sometimes uncomfortable truth toward someone or even ourselves. Though we might not like to confront it, some of the shoes below may pinch and hurt somewhat, but only we can take the steps to change what shoes we are wearing. Which shoe fits you?

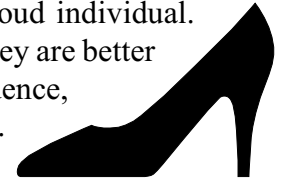
Loafer— The person who wants to get by with as little work for the Lord as possible. They want to do just enough to miss hell and barely get into heaven. In Matthew 25:26 the one-talent man was called, “wicked and slothful.” In verse 30 Jesus says, “. . . cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness.” This punishment was not pronounced upon the man because of his only having one talent, but because he did not use the one talent he had.

Slipper— This person slips into worship services at the very last minute, or is often late, and then slips out as soon as possible. They want quick and easy services. They don’t want to give anymore of themselves than is absolutely necessary. They want to be able to just

slip by in this life, and then slip into Heaven.

Flip Flop— This person is faithful for a few days and then is quickly unfaithful. Their life is a pattern of faithfulness and unfaithfulness to the Lord. They are not happy in the world, neither are they happy in the church. The Lord addresses this attitude of the Laodiceans in Revelation 3:16, “So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.”

High Heel— This shoe fits the haughty, proud individual. This is the type of person who simply feels they are better than others because of position, money, influence, etc. The Bible warns against such attitudes. We are told in Romans 12:3 that a man ought “. . . not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think.” Psalm 101:5 warns, “. . . him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.”



Overshoes— Just as a person puts on overshoes when the weather is nasty, this person puts on Christianity when life becomes rough. I have visited unfaithful Christians in the hospital and have them tell me that when they are better, they are “going to church.” Often they will for a while, but they soon forget about their resolution to God. They are like Rehoboam. We are told regarding him in II Chronicles 12:1, “And it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the LORD, and all Israel with him.”

House Shoe— This type of person wants easy and comfortable living. They are scared off by anything that requires effort and faith. They are afraid to begin programs that might require additional giving of time and money. They are happy with the size and strength of the local congregation. They are comfortable with the status quo. We are told in Amos 6:1, “Woe to them that are at ease in Zion. . .”

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, and Alice Thrasher.**

—Our sympathies are extended to the family of **JoAnn Pennington** who passed away this past week. She was 56 years old and the grandmother of **Taylor Dennis.**

—This week and next week our mid-week Bible study will be on Tuesday. (December 23, and December 30).

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Sandal— This is just the outline of a Christian. There is not as much substance here. Because of a lack of study, prayer, and dedicated Christian living, this person does not develop fully as a Christian. They need additional nourishment to properly grow. *“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.”* (I Peter 2:2)

Sunday Shoes— This person concentrates their Christianity around the first day of the week. Granted, we are to worship and meet together upon the first day of the week, but we are to practice Christianity around the clock. Christianity is not a special pair of “Sunday Shoes” that we slip on when we want to “dress up” our actions, and then slip off when we want to return back to our non-Sunday way of life. Christianity must be daily. Jesus said in Luke 9:23, “. . . *If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross **daily**, and follow me.*”

Work Shoes— This is the type of shoe we all must wear. We all must be willing to work. No matter what our number of talents, we are expected to do what we can.

Each one of us has unique abilities and opportunities. Let’s make sure we are doing all we can to work for the Lord and further His kingdom. There is coming a time when we can no longer work. We must do it now. We are warned in John 9:4, *“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.”*

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Sunday, December 14, 2014		
Classes	19	Romans 12:1-11
Preaching	31	Revelation 1:1-20
Contribution	\$804.00	
Evening	13	Psalms 38:1-39:13
Wednesday, December 17, 2014		
Classes	16	II Kings 1:1-18

Visitors— Dec 14 (AM) Lewie & Travis Smith (Jay, Florida);
John & Kim Wade (Louisville, KY)

Bible Quiz

John saw seven what in the right hand of Jesus?

Last Week’s Answer—gold (I Kings 22:48)

One of the above shoes probably describes each one of us. If we are not wearing the work shoes, let’s take off the other shoes and put on shoes fit for working in the kingdom.

—Marty Edwards❖

“. . . How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”

—Romans 10:15

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)