



Life Lines

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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 towards someone or even ourselves. Some of the following shoes may pinch and hurt somewhat, but only we can take the steps to change what shoes we are wearing.

Loafer: The person who wants to get by with as little work for the Lord as possible. He wants 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 he only had one talent, but because he did not use the one talent he had.

Slipper: This person slips into worship services at the very last minutes and then slips out as soon as possible. He wants quick and easy services. He doesn't want to give anymore of himself than is absolutely necessary. He wants 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. His life is a pattern of faithfulness then unfaithfulness to the Lord. He is not happy in the world, neither is he happy in church. The Lord addresses this attitude of the Laodiceans in Revelations 3:15,

" . . . so then because thou art luke-warm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth."

High Heel: This shoe fits the haughty, proud individual. This person simply feels he is 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 a high look and proud heart will not I suffer."

Overshoes: Just as a person puts on overshoes when the weather is bad, this person puts on Christianity when life becomes rough. I have visited unfaithful Christians in the hospital who 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*

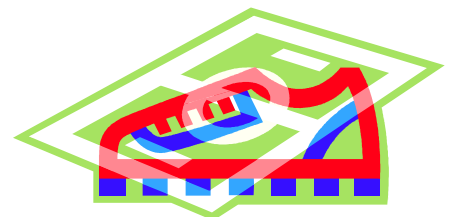
established himself, he forsook the law of the Lord, and all Israel with him."

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

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.

One of the above shoes probably describes each 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
Bulletin Digest
From: Home Touch



Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

In whom do you put your trust? Is it a parent? Is it a preacher? Is it another Christian? Or do you put your trust in a friend? We can put our trust in these people, but what happens when they fail us? And this will happen because these people are humans, just as we are. Our complete trust should be in the Lord. "Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness." (Psalm 37:3) By trusting in the Lord we will never be disappointed. This, in no way means that life will go smoothly. But, whatever happens, He will be there for us. Family and friends may desert us but He will not.

I've heard of some people who put their trust in their preacher so much, that if he leaves, they quit going to church. They have put their trust, and their soul, in a human being, not in the Lord. Preachers do not want this to happen. They preach God's word so people can be saved. They do not want you lost because they happen to move on. That defeats what they have tried to instill in the members. Don't put your trust in man. Humans are weak, they fail, and they sin. *"For son dishonors father, daughter rises against her mother, daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his household. Therefore I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me."* (Micah 7:6-7) In verse 5, God tells them, *"Do not trust in a friend; do not put your confidence in a companion."*

In Psalm 146 the writer praises the Lord who has made heaven and earth. The Lord executes justice for the oppressed. He gives food to the hungry. Blessed are those whose hope is in the Lord. Verses 3 and 4 say, *"Do not trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing."*

God's word tells us not to put our trust in man. This man dies, he returns to the ground, and whatever his plans, they come to nothing! God's plan is eternal! Are you willing to lose your soul because you put your trust in a human?

Remember Our Sick

Bob Bennett – serious health problems.
Lois Boley – arterial gram January 15, stint, coming home, Wednesday.
William Boley – had aneurism surgery, him, suffering anxiety attacks.
Tom Cloud – having problems with his de-fibrillator.
Barbara Dawson – Marion/Joan's cousin, serious health problems.
Hoyt Ensey – continue to pray, serious health problems.
Leota Hickey – cataract surgery February 27th.
Annette Hull – thyroid surgery, Jan. 3rd, cancer cells, treatment to follow.
Cleon Johnson – Paul Helton's mother, home, on intravenous drip, preparation for surgery in two or three weeks.
Ray King – serious health problems.
Beverly Myers – knee surgery Jan. 15th, successful, in St. Mary's for rehab.
Don Sheeran – on going serious health problems.
Joyce Walters – first cataract surgery successful, next one in two weeks.
Judy Will – home, recovering from a stroke. Blockage in the brain.
Tom Williams – in Joplin Hospital, serious situation from a fall. Roxanna's brother-in-law, still in ICU.
Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:
Dover Area: **Evelyn Burton**
Bernice Brown
Russellville Nursing and Rehab Center: **Evelyn Driver**
Melba Hodges
Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**
Mae Vanzandt
Others Who Need Our Prayers:
Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, A. G. Barton, Carolyn Bennett, Lloyd Boley, Susie Boley, James Chadwick, Bobby Coker, Mike Cushman, Jeff Davis, Jessalyn Davis, Charles Ensey, Sarah Ensey, Jeania Griffin, Paul and Sue Griffin, Dorothy King, Jim Lackey, Robert and Rose Lee, Liliya McDaniel, Linda Melton, Charles Proctor, Reddie Smith and Tanya Smith.
Special Children: Elysia Lee, Emmy May, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.
Expectant Mothers: Kelly Chance, Becky Clark, Kristen Nordin.
Our Military: Greg Davis, Cole Wetzel and Rudy Will.

Language Lessons

Karen Camps Family Counselor

Let's face it. Sometimes men and women just speak different languages. Here's a little help translating. Try these tips for good communication with your spouse:

There will be no non-subjects. A non-subject is a subject that, for whatever reason, is understood to be off limits. Making subjects taboo takes away a couple's chance for a soul-to-soul relationship.

What ever you say, say it with love. The more a difficult something is to hear, the more gently and tenderly it must be said.

Timing is everything. Don't try to talk about difficult subject when the dog's barking, the phone's ringing, the kids are screaming, or your spouse is ready to drift off to sleep.

Get to the point. Don't say more than you have to. Give the bottom line first, then go back and sketch in the details.

Your spouse can't read your mind. If you are not willing to say it out loud, let it go. Don't expect your spouse to pick up on your nonverbal hints.

Be as positive as possible. If you talk about problems all the time, your spouse will tune you out. If you're positive most of the time, your spouse will be much more willing to listen when you have a problem.

Once you've shared your concerns, listen. Listening will let your spouse know that you're not attacking and that you value his or her input.

When the time comes, be willing to accept correction. Don't be defensive. Your spouse must also be allowed to share concerns in a non-threatening atmosphere.

Show forgiveness. It's a gift you give to each other.

(Matthew 5:43-44) **"Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate your enemy. But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."** (Matthew 5:46) **"For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same?"**

Events

Dover Church of Christ Children's Church

Every Sunday
11:15 - 12:00 Noon

Ages 4 thru 8
Bible Story and
Activities

Ages 1 thru 3
Nursery Class

TEA PARTY!!!

February 23, 2008
Saturday, 11:30 AM

For All the Ladies of
the Dover Church of
Christ, Fellowship Hall

Hosted by the
Leaderettes

Door Prizes and
Entertainment

Please RSVP to:
Shirley Chadwick

Mark Your Calendars

Y O U 2008

Youth Outreach
University
January 25 thru 27

University of
Central Arkansas
Conway, Arkansas

Theme: "I Charge You"

Spiritual Growth
And Evangelism

\$35.00 each

www.youthoutreachuniversity.org

CHRISTEENS 2008

February 22 thru 24th

West Side Church
Of Christ
2300 West "C" Street
Russellville, Arkansas

Registration Deadline:
January 25

Limited to the first 1000!

Payment due February 8th.

Dover Men's Business Meeting
February 4th, 7PM
Deacons Meeting 6PM
Dover Church of Christ

January Birthdays

- 01 Alexis Boley
Billy Walters
- 02 Marilyn Veasman
- 07 Chris Moss
- 09 Micah Williams
- 13 Douglas Wilson
- 14 Chris Besterfeldt
- 17 Holly Oaks
- 20 JoAnn Killer
Teresa Parker
Patsy Wisbrock
- 21 Bennie Lou Meadows
- 25 Reese W. Culwell
- 26 Klaus Mullins

If we missed your birthday,
please let us know so it won't
happen again.

Baby Shower

For
Becky/Jason Clark
(It's A BOY!!)
Sunday,
January 27, 2 - 4PM
Dover Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall

"In Search of the Lord's Way" Now 24/7

The Search Program can now
be accessed any time website:

www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon's weekly lesson can
be heard and seen on KARK,
Channel 4, Sunday, 7:30 AM.

THOSE TO SERVE

January 27, 2008

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Brent Hottinger
Blake Walters

Communion

Podium: Alan Boatright
Serve: Robert Bird
Sid Womack
Steve Pennington
William Boley

Scripture Reading

Brett Walters

**Sunday P.M.
Prayers**

Allen Veasman
Alan Boatright

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Marion and Joyce Helton

Communion to Shut-Ins

Blake Forehand
Brent Hottinger

Greeters

Marion and Joyce Helton

Wednesday Night Devotional

January 30, 2008

Randall Walters

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes
9:45 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship
10:45 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 P.M.
Ladies Tuesday Bible Class
10:00 A.M.
Wednesday Bible Classes
7:00 P.M.

Minister: Micah Williams
Church Office: 479-331-3428
Or Cell: 479-264-9244

Elders:

William Boley 858-7131
Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156
Sid Womack 967-2367

Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt
Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Joe Miller
Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: JoAnn Killer
Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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