



Bibles & Bows
May 27th, 2025

If The Shoe Fits

A chicken and a pig were invited to a big event – a community breakfast!
Miss Chicken and Mr. Pig were both excited to find out they were
- both a Guest of Honor - upon arriving they were seated on the stage.
The MC called Miss Chicken up to give her an award but first he asked her to
make a contribution to the breakfast.

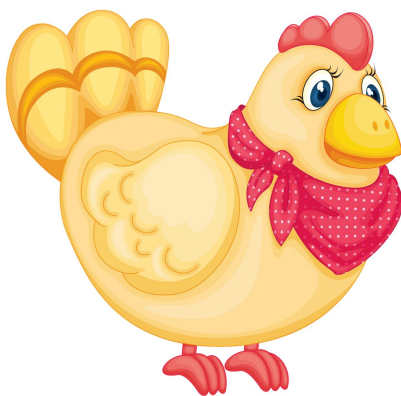
She was overwhelmed to be associated with such an honor!
She clucked and she chucked and laid fine eggs for the breakfast!
Everyone clapped for her contribution!

Then, the MC called Mr. Pig up for his award but,
first asked him to make a contribution to the breakfast.

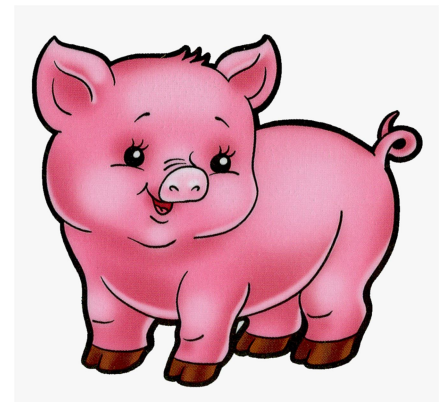
He was overwhelmed with the request -
but you see circumstances were quite different for Mr. Pig -
for this was not just an association for him
it would be a total commitment!

Tonight, we are going to look at
some shoes in our church and I'm
going to give you some information
on each one – then, we are going to
decide if the shoe displays

**Association??? or
Commitment???**



Association



Commitment



Lucy Loafer

She loafs into church simply because there is no better place to be! She meanders around with no true purpose – it was just an afterthought to even come this morning to church. Don't ask Lucy Loafer to take part or do anything in church – she way too busy for that! She is just here to be seen and kill a little time and to feel good about herself!

Proverbs 16:27

Idle hands are the devil's workshop; idle lips are his mouthpiece.

Association??? or Commitment???



Wanda Wedge

Watch out for Wanda as she comes into church with a clear mission - to place her wedge wherever it will do the most harm. A wedge amid two friends in the church, a wedge among family members, a wedge between a person and Christian. A very dangerous shoe to wear in the church!

Romans 14:13-23

Let us not therefore judge one another anymore: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

Association??? or Commitment???



Ruth Runner

Sister Ruth enters church as a competitor - remembering the day she stood on the starting line! She is running her daily race and stays straight in the lane God has put her in! She keeps her focus, keeps her steady pace and is striving for the finish line set before her. With God's coaching – she is determined to win whatever it cost!

2 Timothy 4:7

I have run the race; I have guarded the faith. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course.

Association??? or Commitment???



Sally Slide

We all know Sally Slide. She slides into her shoes and slides into her church when it is convenience for her. Choosing the wide road that so many of her friends are walking. She desires a quick and easy road to glory. She is like the slide at the community park - she climbs a few steps then wants to quickly and smoothly take the easy and fun ride down.

Psalms 25:4

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

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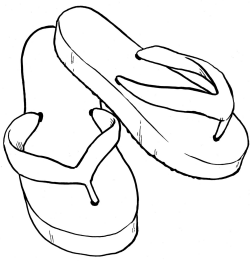
Sara Sneaker

Oh, thank God for Sara Sneaker. Sara goes about God's work not wanting anyone to know that she was behind the good deed. She continually watches, listens, and waits for an opportunity to do something special for someone - expecting not one thing return or any recognition. She prays in silence for the needs of those around her. She welcomes and opportunity to serve others in the shadows. She goes about her Father's business!

Matthew 6:3-4

But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

Association??? or Commitment???



Flo Flip-Flop

Here we see Flo coming to through the door of the church. Flo goes whichever way the wind is blowing. Like the agitator in a washing machine, not knowing which way to go - Wishy-washy best describes her. She has never taken the responsibility to study the scriptures and really does not want to put forth the effort to take a stand! Her relationship with Christ is hot-cold, on-off, so-so, just depending on how she is feeling that day!

Ephesians 6:13

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand: Stand!

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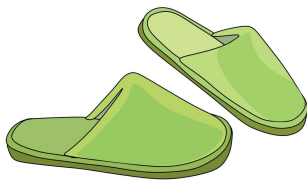
Wilma Work Shoe

Thank God for the Wilma's in our church! Not only on Sunday, but taking the week to work for God. Whatever the job - no matter how hard, how dirty, how tough the road! Whatever work God has put before her, she is not stopping till the job is finished! Hard work and accountability is her reputation! Her shoes are worn and rugged - she is not in it for looks - but, for results!

2 Corinthians 8:11

Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.

Association??? or Commitment???



Hazel House Shoe

Bless Her Heart! Hazel is at church but really, she would rather be at home on her comfy couch. She is here only because she feels a sense of obligation to her long-since gone mom and dad. There is no personal relationship with Christ. She is only going through the motions but truly she resents the inconvenience. She drags into church offering nothing and expecting nothing. Don't bother me – I'd rather just stay home! The precious life God gave her – she is hoarding and wasting.

James 4:14

Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

Association??? or Commitment???



Ruby Rubber Boot

Ready Ruby is prepared! When the storms of life are ragging and the waves are hitting her hard – she is ready to put on her rain boots and wade through! This world will flood you with all kinds of distractions and hardships! But Jesus has provided a way for us to wade through! Put on the protection of God and prepare yourself for the storms of life! The storms will come and the waters will rise but Ruby is prayed-up! Bring on the storm!

Isaiah 43:2

When you go through deep waters, I will be with you.

When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown.

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Clara Crock

OK – I'm going to let your mind run with this one! Being in church all my life and being a pastor's wife for the majority of my life - believe me - I have heard all the excuses, nonsense, pretends, baloney, cockamamie tails you can imagine. Lies are one of the most harmful sin among God's people! The devil delights to persuade someone to do harm in the God's church with lies. Today, there are dark lies coming from every corner of the world concerning the gospel. Clara Crock enters the church full of deceit – hoping to spread treachery among God's people! Do not be fooled – realize a crock of lies when you hear them! This is a very dangerous shoe to wear!

1 John 4:1

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

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That introduces you to a few shoes in the church. The sad thing is there are more on one side than the other - - make sure you are on the side of Total Commitment!

In closing:

Around the room you notice a display of some of my shoes.

If my shoes could talk, they'd have stories to tell. Together, we've trudged through valleys, hiked up mountains, then danced on their peaks. I've become a stronger woman as I stomped out bitterness, tap danced on the head of the enemy, and confidently strutted my faith like it's a designer label. My shoes could tell you about the tears I've cried, and the tears I've wiped from the face of someone I cared about.

Yes, my shoes know the story of where I've been,
but perhaps most importantly, where I'm going!

Wherever my journey takes me, there are some things I know for sure.

If I stand on God's Word. My life will be grounded.
He's ordered my steps, given me His Word to light my path,
and set my feet in high places.

**(If These Shoes Could Talk)*

As I awake each morning and put on the whole armour of God ~
I realize while strapping on the Shoes of Peace –
this is one shoe that will NEVER go out of style!

