

**What is the measure of a SUCCESSFUL shoe factory?**



- **1<sup>st</sup> command – be filled (lifestyle) with the Holy Spirit**

*(Matthew 28:19-20) Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

- **2<sup>nd</sup> command – Be a disciple and then make disciples**
- **The measure of a successful church is to continue to make growing disciples**

*(1 Corinthians 2:14, NLT) But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.*

- 1. Natural – unsaved (Holy Spirit doesn't live in them)**

*(1 Corinthians 2:15, NLT) Those who are spiritual can evaluate all things, but they themselves cannot be evaluated by others.*

- 2. Spiritual – saved (Holy Spirit lives in them)**

- **The Spiritual person is either (1) an immature or carnal Christian OR (2) a mature Christ follower – growing disciple**

*(1 Corinthians 3:1, NLT) Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in the Christian life.*

- **There is a valid BABY Christ follower stage**

*(1 Peter 2:2, NLT) Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment as a baby cries for milk,*

*(1 Corinthians 3:2-3, NLT) I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready, for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren't you living like people of the world?*

- **There is an END to this BABY CF stage**

**2 Peter 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...**

*(Romans 8:29, NLT) For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn, with many brothers and sisters.*

- **A disciple is a LIFELONG learner under discipline (spiritually mature)**
- **A disciple LEARNS to think, to live, and to minister like Jesus**

*(1 John 2:6) Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.*

**John 8:31 (NLT) Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to (OBEY) my teachings.**



*(Acts 2:37) When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”*

*(Acts 2:41) Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.*



*(Acts 2:42) They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

**1) The healthy church is a learning church - study, learn, and obey the Bible**

- **Gather (inward growth)**
- **Scatter (outward ministry)**

*(Acts 2:47) praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

**3) The healthy church is a worshipping church – keep the focus on Jesus**

*(1 Corinthians 11:23-25) For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

- **The main purpose of communion is to REMEMBER Jesus**
- **Look back (the cross, my salvation)**
- **Look within (self examination)**

*(1 Corinthians 11:27-28) Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.*

- **Look around (we are family)**

**1 Corinthians 10:17 (NLT) And though we are many, we all eat from one loaf of bread, showing that we are one body.**

- **Look ahead (Heaven – hope)**

*(1 Corinthians 11:26) For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.*

- **Look outward (share the good news)**

*(John 3:16) “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

*All Bible references are from the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted. NLT = New Living Translation.*