

HOW DO WE MEASURE UP?

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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How do you evaluate a Church?

- The size of the congregation?
- The size of their facility?
- Popularity of the preacher/pastor?
- Programs it offers?

Though all of these things can contribute to the measure of a Church, the true depth of a Church is measured by its spiritual impact.

The apostle Paul is commending the Church in Thessalonica for three elements:

1. They had an _____ faith (v. 3b):

“Your work produced by faith”

2. They had an _____ love (v. 3c):

“Your labor prompted by love”

3. They had a _____ hope (v. 3d):

“Your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ”

If these are the criteria of a healthy Church, how do we at Bridgeway measure up?

If the apostle Paul were to evaluate Bridgeway, how would we measure up?