

“How Others See Me”

Rom. 14:7

Introduction

- I. Have you ever stopped to wonder how others perceive you?
- II. Like it or not, those round about us develop thoughts about who they think we really are (Rom. 14:7).
- III. Let us notice some ways that we should want others to see us.

Discussion

- I. Others should see me as a servant.
 - A. Jesus came as a servant (Mark 10:45).
 - 1. We are supposed to follow the example of Jesus and be servants as well (John 13:2-17).
 - 2. Paul also expressed the importance of being a servant (Gal. 5:13-14).
 - B. What does it require for me to be a servant?
 - 1. Effort/work (Gal. 6:9-10)
 - 2. Time (Eph. 5:16)
 - 3. Willingness/right attitude (Mark 10:40-44).
- II. Others should see me as one who bears another's burden.
 - A. We are not faithful children of God if we refuse to bear the burdens of others (Gal. 6:2).
 - B. Jesus gave a great example of how to bear the burdens of others (Luke 10:30-37).
 - 1. People need help at different times and in different ways.
 - 2. We should make sure that we are not shirking our responsibility to help them through whatever issue they have (cf. James 1:27).
- III. Others should see me as a good teacher of God's Word.
 - A. Each Christian has the responsibility to teach others (Mark 16:15; Acts 8:4).
 - 1. We must help others to understand God's Word properly (Neh. 8:8).
 - 2. We may be the only ones who ever have the opportunity to teach them.
 - B. Do we know the Bible as well as we should (2 Tim. 2:15; 1:13)?
 - C. Are we actually doers of the Word as well (James 1:22-25)?

Conclusion

- I. How others see us is an important aspect of the Christian life.
- II. Good or bad, however they see us will have impact on our relationship with them.