

“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.