

“To Others, A Christian Should Be...”

Rom. 14:7

Introduction

- I. Christians have to live their lives in a world that largely differs from them in so many ways (John 15:19; 17:6-16; 18:36).
- II. As such, we will encounter those outside of Christ, and thus we have a responsibility to live in ways that will be of benefit to them.

Discussion

- I. Christians should be light to others (Matt. 5:13-16).
 - A. How do we live as “light” (Phil. 1:21; cf. John 8:12; Prov. 6:23; Psm. 119:105; Eph. 5:8; 1 Thess. 5:4-5)?
 - B. Our “brightness” should help others to see the path to follow (Matt. 7:13-14; 1 Pet 2:12).
- II. Christians should be teachers of others (Matt. 28:18-20).
 - A. At some point in time, we have probably sat in a class setting that was difficult to endure (“boring,” “confusing”).
 1. How much did you get from that teacher?
 2. Would you be desirous of learning more from that teacher?
 - B. Our teaching should stick true to the Word of God (2 Tim. 1:13; 4:2).
 1. We should be able to “give the sense” and cause the listeners “...to understand the reading” (Neh. 8:8).
 2. We should be able to show how to be doers of the Word and not only hearers (James 1:22-25).
 3. This is what the world needs (Mark 12:37).
- III. Christians should be encouragers of others (Prov. 27:17; Heb. 10:24).
 - A. To encourage is to “inspire” or “motivate” to do good.
 - B. Paul was a tremendous encourager (1 Cor. 15:58; Phil. 3:13; 1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 2:3).
- IV. Christian should be “burden bearers” to others (Gal. 6:1-2).
 - A. One cannot be a “burden bearer” without being involved in the lives of others (Luke 10:30-37).
 - B. Helping people through their afflictions goes a long way (James 1:27).
 - C. This involves being good servants to others (Mark 10:43-45; John 13:2-16; Gal. 5:13).

Conclusion

- I. Christians are a special people who should be doing special things.
- II. Let us strive to be the people that God wants us to be!