

HOW ARE YOU KNOWN?

1 Samuel 16:7

Introduction: We have and form our own opinions about people by what we see them do or not do, what they say or not say, by their attitudes, etc. We probably never think that others are doing the very same thing about/to us. Did you ever thought about what others think of you? How do others know you? Let's think for a bit about our own lives and just how others might think of us.

I. WHAT MIGHT THE WORLD THINK ABOUT YOU?

1. *1 Samuel 16:12* -
2. The world can only know you by what they see and hear you do.
3. Have you ever thought about what others might be thinking of you? What might others think about how you dress, the words you use, your attitude toward others?
4. No doubt about it, the world (those around you) has an opinion of you.

II. WHAT DO YOUR FRIENDS THINK ABOUT YOU?

1. *Mark 2:1-3*
2. *Daniel 5:11; 6:10*
3. Do you think your "friends" have positive thoughts about you all the time?

III. YOUR FAMILY HAS THOUGHTS ABOUT YOU

1. *John 6:42*
2. If you are a mother or a father, what do your children think of you? What kind of an example have you been before them?
 - As a child growing up, what kind of child do you think your parents think you are?
 - As a husband or wife, what kind of husband or wife have you been?
3. Think about it. What kind of person do you think your family thinks you are?

IV. WHAT ABOUT YOUR CHURCH, WHAT DO YOU THINK THEY THINK ABOUT YOU?

1. *Ephesians 5:25; 2 Timothy 4:1-2*

2. Are you an example of a Christian that others want to follow? Are you living a Christian life as Jesus wants you to? What if every member of your Church were just like you, what condition would your Church be in?
3. *Psalm 37:37*
- An upright person.

V. WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD THINKS ABOUT YOU?

1. *Matthew 3:17; Romans 8:1*
2. What you think about yourself is one thing, what others think about you is another, BUT what God thinks about you is entirely different, for it is to HIM that you will some day stand before and give an account of how you lived your life.
3. Have you been living your life according to God's plans for your life? How would God rate you in faithfulness? In obedience? In time in prayer? In witnessing? In worship? In reading His Word? In helping others?

CONCLUSION:

1. Most of us never think about what others are thinking of us, at least that's what we might say, however, everybody who has ever seen or heard us have an opinion of us.
2. What God thinks of you/us is far more important than the opinion of anybody else, so do you need to make some changes, some adjustments to be more like God wants you to be?
3. Do you need to make some changes in how you act before other people?
4. Give it some thought, other people have opinions about you as you have of them. Now what do you need to do?