

WHAT'S YOUR STYLE?

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

INTRODUCTION: Just as every artist is known by their style of art, even so every person is known by their style of life. If you were to gather ten of your close family and friends together to ask what your style of life is a theme of life would come out of their descriptions of you. Our lives are canvases on which each of us reflects the dominant themes of our lives.

I. HEART IMPRESSIONS!

When we look at the major themes of a person's life it describes the person's heart. Those who are angry, and self seeking and self promoting have a heart problem: Galatians 5:19-21. On the other hand a person whose major theme of life is love for the Lord and for others in speech, actions, thoughts and possessions is a person who loves and knows their Lord. John 13:34-35; John 3:16; John 15:12-14.

II. A WORK OF LOVE!

Our question for tonight is "Are you and I known by our friends and family as people who love our Lord and others? If someone who knows us well were asked to describe us in ten words, would one of those words that describe you be "love"? There are four colors of the love of our Lord we will look at tonight. 1.) Words of Love: Our Lord has given us a wonderful way to express our love for Him and others; it is our gift of speech. Proverbs 16:24; Ephesians 4:29-32. Even when someone needs to be confronted it can be done in love: Colossians 4:5-6. 2.) Deeds of Love. The word "love" is both a verb and a noun depending upon how it is used. Words of love are important but if they are not followed up with deeds of love they become hollow. Romans 5:8. Our God has given each of us fifteen ways by which the love of God should manifest itself in our lives: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. 3.) Thoughts of Love! Our thoughts are the building blocks upon which what we are becoming is based: Proverbs 23:7; Psalm 19:14. 4.) Gifts of Love! Our Lord has given each one of us three things to manage for His glory: Time; Talents; and Treasure. Our God so loved the world that He gave: 1 John 3:16-18. Our Lord has given two great statements about giving: Acts 20:35 and Luke 6:38. We do indeed reap what we sow. Are we sowing the love of Christ with others?