

1 Timothy 1 - The Regenerated Conscience

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1 Timothy 1:18-20

18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;

19 **HOLDING FAITH, AND A GOOD CONSCIENCE; WHICH SOME HAVING PUT AWAY CONCERNING FAITH HAVE MADE SHIPWRECK:**

20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

Your faith can be shipwrecked without a good conscience guiding you.

Your faith is what you believe; your conscience guides how you apply to daily circumstances what you believe.

Romans 2:14-15

14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

15 **WHICH SHEW THE WORK OF THE LAW WRITTEN IN THEIR HEARTS, THEIR CONSCIENCE ALSO BEARING WITNESS, AND THEIR THOUGHTS THE MEANWHILE ACCUSING OR ELSE EXCUSING ONE ANOTHER;**

The conscience is that faculty of the spirit which discerns the approval and disapproval of God.

An accurate conscience requires continual and experienced communion, abiding in Christ, to discern His approval or disapproval.

John 8:9

"And they which heard it, **BEING CONVICTED BY THEIR OWN CONSCIENCE**, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst."

Hebrews 9:13-14

13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

14 **HOW MUCH MORE SHALL THE BLOOD OF CHRIST**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **PURGE YOUR CONSCIENCE FROM DEAD WORKS TO SERVE THE LIVING GOD?**

By the blood of Christ, we are reunited with God in fellowship and relationship. By an interactive communion throughout the day we are able to sense and discern what pleases and displeases our heavenly Father.

Therefore by communion with Father, our conscience can guide our actions, producing living works of righteousness instead of dead works of religion and man's traditions.

Acts 23:1

"And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, **I HAVE LIVED IN ALL GOOD CONSCIENCE BEFORE GOD UNTIL THIS DAY.**"

Your conscience functions as your guide "BEFORE GOD."

CONSCIENCE (*syneidesis*) co-perception, to know with another, to see together with others

1 Corinthians 4:3-5

3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, **I JUDGE NOT MINE OWN SELF.**

4 **FOR I KNOW NOTHING BY MYSELF; YET AM I NOT HEREBY JUSTIFIED: BUT HE THAT JUDGETH ME IS THE LORD.**

5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, **WHO BOTH WILL BRING TO LIGHT THE HIDDEN THINGS OF DARKNESS, AND WILL MAKE MANIFEST THE COUNSELS OF THE HEARTS:** and then shall every man have praise of God.

Romans 9:1

"I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, **MY CONSCIENCE ALSO BEARING ME WITNESS IN THE HOLY GHOST.**"

2 Timothy 1:3

"I thank God, **WHOM I SERVE FROM MY FOREFATHERS WITH PURE CONSCIENCE,** that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day."

Being guided by our conscience is how we serve God day by day, hour by hour; sensing and discerning our Lord's pleasure and displeasure.

Acts 24:16

"**AND HEREIN DO I EXERCISE MYSELF, TO HAVE ALWAYS A CONSCIENCE** (*co-perception, moral consciousness, distinguishing what is morally good and bad*) **VOID OF OFFENCE TOWARD GOD, AND TOWARD MEN.**"

1 Timothy 4:1-2

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; **HAVING THEIR CONSCIENCE SEARED** (*kauteriazō - to render insensitive, cauterize*), **WITH A HOT IRON.**

The conscience can be rendered insensitive, unable to discern God's approval and disapproval.

Titus 1:15

"Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but **EVEN THEIR MIND AND CONSCIENCE IS DEFILED.**"