

HAVING A CLEAR CONSCIENCE DOES NOT PROVE THAT YOU ARE RIGHT WITH GOD

DEFINITION

1. "A sense of consciousness of the moral goodness or blame-worthiness of ones own conduct, intentions, or character, together with a feeling of obligation to do right or be good."
2. "Hence, a faculty, power, or principle conceived to decide as to the moral quality of one's own thoughts or acts, enjoining what is good." (Webster)

Things Conscience Does

1. It convicts (John 8:9).
2. Bears Witness (Rom. 2;15).
3. Testifies (II Cor. 1:12).
4. Endures grief (I Pet. 2;19).

THE EDUCATION OF

1. Infant born with a blank conscience.
2. His conscience is then determined by what he is taught.
3. What is the basis of good and evil. Sin and Righteousness?
4. "*What shall we say then; Is the law sin; God forbid. Howbeit, I had not known sin, except through the law: for I had not known coveting, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet:*" (Rom. 7:7).
5. Study God's Word (I Tim. 2;15).

DIFFERENT STATES OF

1. A righteous conscience.
2. A good conscience (I Tim. 1;1-5; 1:19; Heb. 13:18).
3. A pure conscience (I Tim. 3:9)
4. A weak conscience (I Cor. 8;12).
5. A seared conscience (I Tim. 4:2).
6. A defiled conscience (Titus 1;15).
7. An evil conscience (Heb. 10;22).

EXAMPLE

1. "And Paul, looking steadfastly on the council, said, Brethren, I have lived before God in all good conscience until this day." (Acts 23;1).
2. "*I thank him that enabled me, even Christ Jesus our Lord, for that he counted me faithful, appointing me to his service; though I was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: howbeit I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief; and the grace of our Lord abounded exceedingly with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief:*" (I Tim. 1:12-16).