

Cleansing the Conscience

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In I Timothy 1:17-20, Paul encourages Timothy to holding fast to the faith, speaking of the faith once delivered to the saints in Jude 3. Paul was saying stay true to the Word of God by leaning on God in absolute trust and confidence and by maintaining a good (clear) conscience, by avoiding that which caused some to become shipwrecked in their faith.

Review:

Three Levels of corruption the natural progression of an evil conscience.

~ Level One – A _____ conscience (Titus 1:15) – getting to the place where it is difficult to know right and wrong.

~ Level Two – A _____ Conscience (I Timothy 4:2). His conscience is no longer irritated by certain sins.

~ Level Three – An _____ Conscience (Isaiah 5:20) – seeing evil as good and good as evil.

Biblical Examples: How did their actions reveal their conscience?

1. Adam and Eve: _____.
2. King Saul: _____.
3. King David: _____.
4. Joseph's Brothers: _____.

Review from ***The Conscience and the Christian Life***.

1. The conscience of man reflects that we were _____ in the _____ of God.
2. The conscience cannot be _____.
3. The Conscience can be _____.
4. God did not give us the conscience as an _____.
5. Your conscience must not rule _____.
6. You can live with a conscience void of _____.
7. A good conscience will bring the joy of the LORD.
8. You are responsible for the kind of conscience you _____.

~ How the Conscience is programmed: By our parents, schooling, through _____, church and God's Word.

~ Key Verse: **Philippians 4:8** - *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.*

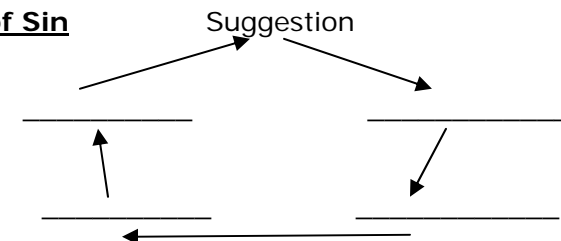
~ **Six Adjectives to think about:**

- Honest – honorable, dignified, worthy of reverence.
- Just – righteous.
- Pure – stainless, chaste, unsullied, holy.
- Lovely – lovable, endearing, amiable, gracious, charming, pleasing and winsome.
- Of good report – Attractive, fair speaking.
- Virtue – mental, moral, and physical excellence.

Six Principles to Cleanse the Conscience:

1. **Replace that which is wrong with that which is** _____ (I Corinthians 10:5).
2. _____ is an absolute must (John 16:13).
3. _____ is a major factor in bringing change (Heb. 10:22).
4. _____ to the full control of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18).
5. Replace the bad _____ with a good memory.
6. Keep _____ with God (I John 1:9).

The Cycle of Sin



~ The joy of having your sins forgiven: Psalm 32:1-5