

# How to Have a Good Conscience

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: 1 Timothy 1:18-19

## II. A good conscience.

### A. The results of a bad conscience.

1. It will shipwreck your faith.
2. You sin your way to unbelief, you do not think your way to it. (John 7:17, Hebrews 3:12-13)
3. It will put fear in your heart. (Proverbs 28:1)
4. It robs one of freedom.
5. If you are in conflict with someone you can never really leave well.
6. It shows on one's face. (Isaiah 3:9)

### B. The results of a good conscience.

1. It will strengthen your faith.
2. It will take away your fear. (Proverbs 28:1b)
3. It will give you freedom.
4. It will improve your appearance. (Proverbs 15:13)

C. A man used by God has a clear conscience before God and man. (Acts 24:16)

D. A good conscience is the inner freedom of spirit one gets from knowing that no one can point a finger at him accusing him of wrongs he has not tried to make right.

E. God's grace is sufficient and we can come to God asking Him for a clear conscience.

F. We cannot swallow up God's grace. (1 John 1:9)

F. The Christian road is a broad one - we are not to be afraid if God is not bringing something to our conscience.

G. It is easy to be oversensitive. (Isaiah 41:10)

### Application questions

1. What are the results of a bad conscience? What are the results of a good conscience?

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2. Look up 1 John 1:9. On what grounds can we have a clear conscience?

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3. Are there some things that you need to repent of before the Lord? Make a list and spend some time in prayer over them.

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