

# Holding Faith and Good Conscience

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## I. Introduction.

A. Three descriptive terms describing the Christian: brothers, co-laborers, fellowship soldiers. (Philippians 2:25)

B. Text: 1 Timothy 1:18-19

## II. Faith.

A. Unless you have faith it is impossible to please God. (Hebrews 11:6)

1. The outstanding message Jesus was trying to teach the twelve was to trust Him.
2. The fight is in the realm of faith.
3. Faith is at the heart of a great life and great movements.

B. Faith is an inner assurance that counts on God and that obeys Him.

1. The example of the man who literally walked by faith. (John 4)
2. The speaker himself received the promise of salvation that Jesus would come into Him if he received Him. (Revelation 3:20)
3. Faith takes what grace offers—it is what hooks us into eternity and allows us to become a channel of blessing. How is your faith?

## III. A good conscience.

A. The results of a bad conscience.

1. It will shipwreck your faith. You sin your way to unbelief, you do not think your way to it. (Hebrews 3:12-13)
2. It will put fear in your heart. (Proverbs 28:1)
3. It robs one of freedom. If you are in conflict with someone you can never really leave well.
4. 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. 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. It is easy to be oversensitive. (Isaiah 41:10)

### **Application questions**

1. What is faith and why is it so important?

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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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