

# The Case for a Good Conscience

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: 1 Peter 3:8-22.

B. We all have to live with conscience--the inner judge that accuses us when we do wrong and affirms us when we do right.

C. A good conscience is one that keeps us from being afraid.

D. We can have a defiled conscience. (Titus 1:15)

E. Sins that keep us awake mark a defiled conscience.

F. A defiled conscience leads to an evil conscience.

G. A conscience can be seared where it no longer bothers a person. (1 Timothy 4:2)

H. A good conscience keeps us from sin. (Psalm 32)

I. There are blessings that come from a good conscience.

## II. Consistency in one's walk.

A. This is unity in mind--oneness of feeling.

B. This is love for others. We must be a peacemaker no matter what.

## III. Confidence in our witness.

A. We are to fear the Lord in our hearts. (Isaiah 8:13)

B. If we sanctify Jesus in our hearts, we will fear no one else.

C. The Christian who does not have a good conscience has an argumentative spirit.

## IV. Confrontation of accusation.

A. Baptism is the answer of a good conscience.

B. The promise that occurs there is a commitment to follow Jesus and be right

## V. How to maintain a good conscience.

A. The Bible. (Hebrews 10)

B. The blood.

## Application questions:

1. What is a good conscience?

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2. How can one obtain a good conscience?

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3. Which benefit of a good conscience is most meaningful to you? What strikes you about it?

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