

How To Develop A Good Conscience

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Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: (1 Timothy 1:5)

Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: (1 Timothy 1:19)

Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. (1 Timothy 3:9)

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The Value of A Good Conscience

1. An early warning system
2. Provides guidance for life
3. A Source of Joy
4. A Basis of Confidence
5. A Basis of Commendation to others
6. A Foundation for Love
7. A necessity for spiritual survival
8. A necessity for maintaining faith
9. A worthy premise for suffering
10. Enables nearness to God

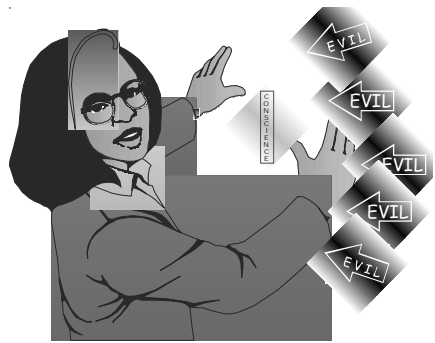
Further Benefits of A Good Conscience

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What is a "Good Conscience?"



A Good Conscience



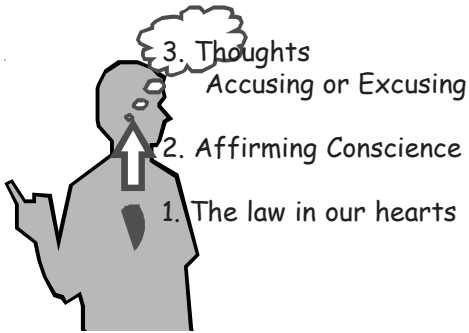
An Ineffective Conscience



Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (Revelations 1:5-6)

For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

Which shew the work of **the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the meanwhile accusing or else excusing one another;** (Romans 2:14-15)



Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. (Titus 1:15-16)

Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; (1 Timothy 4:2)

The defiled or seared conscience

Reprobation

For there are certain men crept in unawares... ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 1:4)

...chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. (2 Peter 2:10)

But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. Woe unto them! (Jude 1:10-11)

For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean

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The Development of Reprobation

Rejection of God's standards always leads to delusions of what truth is! Defilement is a condition of the conscience. Reprobation is the resultant condition of the mind.

Evidences of Reprobation

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escaped from them who live in error.

While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. (2 Peter 2:18-19)

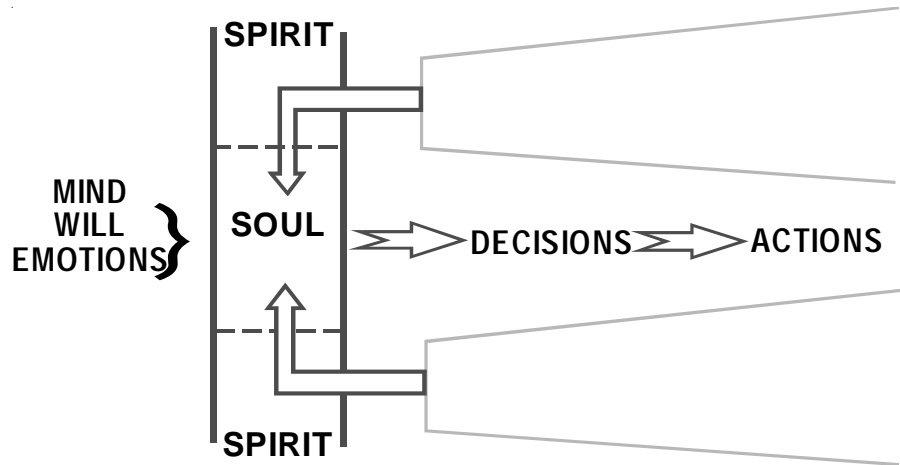
...so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: (2 Timothy 3:8)

For men shall be lovers of their own selves...

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. (2 Timothy 3:2-5)

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How To Get Back A Good Conscience



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And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; (Romans 1:28)

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Romans 12:1-2)

Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

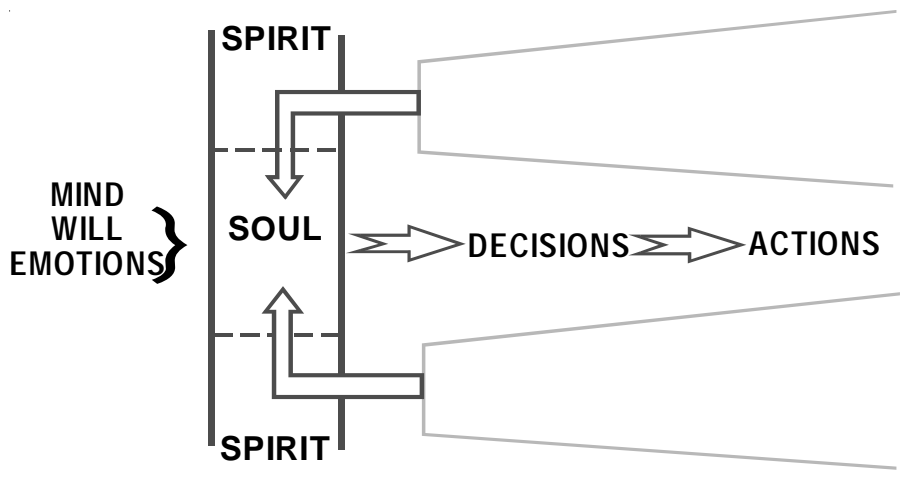
Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. (Psalm 97:10-12)

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For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

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But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. (Hebrews 5:13-14)

...they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

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And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12)

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For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. (1 Corinthians 11:31)

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