

Conscience

1. A good conscience can do bad things – Acts 23:1 (Acts 8:1-3, 9:1-2, 22:3-4, 1 Cor 15:9).
2. It takes effort to maintain a good conscience before God and man – Acts 24:16.
3. Everyone has a basic conscience and is therefore without excuse – Rom 2:15.
4. Under proper conditions conscience can be a reliable witness – Rom 9:1, 2 Cor 1:12.
5. A good conscience submits to proper authority – Rom 13:5
6. Caution against insensitively wounding the conscience of others – 1 Cor 8:7-13, 10:23-33.
7. Avoiding personal sin commends us to others as witnesses to truth – 2 Cor 4:2.
8. Fear of the Lord (specifically awareness of JSOC) and concern for others (cf. #7) is known to God and appeals to conscience of others – 2 Cor 5:11, 2 Tim 1:3.
9. The word of God should produce love out of a pure heart, good conscience, and unhypocritical faith – 1 Tim 1:5.
10. Failing to keep hold of good conscience shipwrecks faith – 1 Tim 1:19, 3:9.
11. A seared conscience perpetrates lies, deceit, hypocrisy, and unheedingly follows demonic teachings – 1 Tim 4:2-3.
12. Defiled and faithless people have a defiled and faithless conscience – Titus 1:15.
13. Good works cannot cleanse the conscience, only the blood of Christ can sanctify it and qualify us for approach to God's throne of grace – Heb 9:9, 14; 10:22.
14. Prayer is encouraged for those whose conscience is clear (cf. #1) – Heb 13:18.
15. A good conscience will be commended for enduring unjust authority (cf. #5) – 1 Pet 2:19.
16. Good conscience should guide our conversation and behavior (cf. #7-8) – 1 Pet 3:16.
17. A good conscience appeals to God for deliverance in times of trial – 1 Pet 3:21