

LET YOUR CONSCIENCE BE YOUR GUIDE?

God gives us our conscience. Our conscience can tell us things. When we do wrong, we feel guilt. When we do what is right, there is a feeling of joy. The Bible shows us that our conscience can become weak (1 Cor. 8:12), evil (Heb. 10:22), or seared (1 Tim. 4:2). On the other hand, our conscience can be cleansed (Heb. 9:14), pure (2 Tim. 1:3), and good (1 Pet. 3:21).

Is it safe to let your conscience be your guide? Can you trust your conscience? Our conscience is very much like a watch. A watch is useful and very helpful if two things happen:

It Must Be Working. A watch that does not work, is of little value. A conscience that doesn't work is of little good. Jeremiah rebuked his nation for being unable to blush (Jer. 6:15). They were not ashamed of what they were doing. Their conscience was not longer working.

It Must Be Set Right. A working watch is good. But if it is not set right then it is not helpful to you. A watch set to London time will not help you keep your appointments when you are living in Indiana. Likewise, our conscience to be useful must be set right. If our conscience is set by whatever you feel like doing, then it is not set right. If it is set to what is popular then it is not set right. Our conscience must be set according to the word of God. The Bible as our compass and standard, our conscience can convict us and remind us of just how we should live. We can well know what hour it is.

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