

REBUILDING MY CONSCIENCE

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DEFINITION of CONSCIENCE –

- an inner feeling or voice viewed as acting as a guide to the rightness or wrongness of one's behavior.
- the sense or **consciousness** of the moral goodness or blameworthiness of one's own conduct, intentions, or character together with a feeling of obligation to do right or be good
- The inner perspective of what is RIGHT, and the Push to DO THAT
- Part of your mind that is governed by a sense of right vs wrong.
- What's right and wrong is written on our hearts
- Inner Values Guide placed inside all humans by GOD
- Moral Sense, hard-wired standards that govern how we live and act.
- Innate- Caring, others-centeredness
- The Golden Rule – Do to others as you'd want them to do to YOU.
- Anchored by integrity and purity
- The Still Small Voice Inside

1. **Seared Conscience** – Dead – Unresponsive – No conscience – Hard – lost all capacity to be convicted – conscience has no bearing on their actions or words. Unresponsive. Brazen. Callous. Unable to feel right and wrong anymore. Begin Thawing out – owning stuff again, seeing the self-deception

1 Timothy 4:2 - Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose **consciences** have been seared as with a hot iron.

2. **Corrupt Conscience** – Rights are wrong and wrongs are rights! Impure. Defiled. Immoral. Unethical. Crooked. Shady. Perverted. So repeatedly off track that they have lost the inner guide of truth and values. Guilty but disregard the call to do right. Not moved to change.

Titus 1:15 - To the **pure**, all things are **pure**, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is **pure**. In fact, both their minds and **consciences** are corrupted.

1 Corinthians 8:7 - But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their **conscience** is weak, it is **defiled**.

3. **Guilty Conscience** – knows right from wrong. Violation of conscience. Inner feeling of breaking the deep sense of rightness. Awareness of it.

Romans 2:15 - They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their **consciences** also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.

Hebrews 10:22 - let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a **guilty conscience** and having our bodies washed with pure water.

4. Weak Conscience – Young in the Rebuild. Not good at discerning right from wrong. External changes control rather than internal changes guide. Their compass can off sometimes still.

1 Corinthians 8:10 - For if someone with a **weak conscience** sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols?

1 Corinthians 8:12 - When you sin against them in this way and wound their **weak conscience**, you sin against Christ.

5. Clear Conscience – Kept from sinning – don't have to lie anymore. Relief of coming clean
DIDN'T DO WHAT WAS WRONG

1 Corinthians 4:4 - My **conscience** is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

Acts 24:16 - So I strive always to keep my **conscience** clear before God and man.

1 Timothy 3:9 - They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear **conscience**.

6. Good Conscience – COMPLETELY DID WHAT WAS RIGHT – to honour God – for Rightness sake. Done what God has Asked

Acts 23:1 - Paul looked straight at the Sanhedrin and said, "My brothers, I have fulfilled my duty to God in all good **conscience** to this day."

1 Timothy 1:5 - The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good **conscience** and a sincere faith.

1 Timothy 1:9 - holding on to faith and a good **conscience**, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith.

7. Pure Conscience – Driven by what is right at any cost. Pure in heart and mind let alone in all actions. Pure THROUGH AND THROUGH

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How to Rebuild Your Conscience

1. Allow a Brother to help bring perspective – balance – correction. Be accountable 100% of the time every day.
2. Get to know God's Word. Be in the Bible Daily at least a little. Don't stop reading, studying and applying it to your life.
3. Take every captive and make to obedient to Christ and His Word. When crazy thoughts come, ask, "Is this what God wants?" See if the thought is in alignment with Scripture. If it isn't, reject the thought or action and get in line with Jesus!
4. Surrender your life fully to Jesus. Make Him Lord of it all! Allow His Holy Spirit to bring your conscience to life again... to purify and strengthen it. Ask Him to.
5. Enjoy the growing reward of Obedience as you see your heart, mind and conscience renewed.