**HAVING A GOOD CONSCIENCE IN ALL THINGS**

**Hebrews 13:18**

[**18**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Hebrews-13-18/) **Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.**

**INTRO:**

**\*\*Conscience - an inner feeling or voice viewed as acting as a guide to the rightness or wrongness of one's behavior.**

**\*\* Most people live with a Guilty Conscience instead of a Good Conscience!**

**\*\*The bible says a lot about the conscience.**

 **1. I Timothy 4:1-2 talks about people  that in the latter times . . . depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;**

 **2. Acts 23:1 - And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men *and* brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.**

 **3. Acts 24:16 - And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and *toward* men.**

**\*\*Our text says that we can have a good conscience in all things if we will just willingly live honest!**

 **1. God’s Savior keeps me living honest!**

 **2. God’s Salvation keeps me living honest!**

 **3. God’s Spirit keeps me living honest!**

**\*\*In other words, you cannot live honest or have a good conscience without being saved first!!**

**\*\*Now let’s look at some areas we can and should have a good conscience through living honestly in these areas.**

**I. Have a Good Conscience toward Mankind**

 **A. Toward the Saints**

**Hebrews 13:1 Let brotherly love continue.**

**\*\*It’s hard for brotherly love to continue if we have been . .**

 **1. Acting Unfair**

 **2. Acting Ugly**

 **3. Acting Untrustworthy**

**\*\*If I’m going to have a good conscience and let brotherly love continue, I better act right toward my brothers and sisters in Christ! If you haven’t, ask for forgiveness!**

 **B. Toward the Strangers**

**Hebrews 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.**

 **1. Smile Happily**

 **2. Shake Hands**

 **3. Speak Humbly**

 **4. Share Holiness**

**\*\*If you want a good conscience and a great church, always practice these things! It works everytime!**

 **C. Towards the Sinners**

**Hebrews 13:3a Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them;**

 **1. Remember – Don’t forget to Supplicate!**

 **2. Remember – Don’t forget to Share!**

**\*\*If you want a good conscience, then treat sinners who are in bondage just as if you were the one who was in bondage wanting to be set free! “as bound with them”**

 **D. Toward the Suffering**

**Hebrews 13:3b *and* them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.**

**\*\*Remember them that suffer . . .**

 **1. The adversity (the enemy) of Sickness**

 **2. The adversity (the enemy) of Sorrow**

**\*\*If you want a good conscience, then pray for those and remember those who are suffering! Call them and visit them!**

**II. Have a Good Conscience toward Marriage**

**Hebrews 13:4 Marriage *is* honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.**

 **A. Notice the Sacred Vows**

**Hebrews 13:4a Marriage *is* honourable in all, and the bed undefiled:**

 **1. Marriage Vows are to be said with Honesty**

 **2. Marriage Vows are to be said with Holiness**

 **3. Marriage Vows are to be said with Humbleness**

 **4. Marriage Vows are to be said with Honor**

**\*\*A good conscience comes when you honor your marriage vows when others want you to dishonor your marriage vows and when you know your bed has been kept undefiled.**

 **B. Notice the Satanic Vices**

**Hebrews 13:4b whoremongers and adulterers**

 **1. Inappropriate Relations outside of Marriage is Sin!**

 **2. Intimate Relations outside of Marriage is Sin!**

**\*\*Only reprobate minds can have a good conscience about any immoral relation that is not bound by marriage between one man and one woman!**

**\*\*One day those reprobate minds (corrupt and shameless minds) are no longer going to have a good conscience! They will have a guilty conscience when they stand before the Lord!**

 **C. Notice the Sovereign’s Vengeance**

**Hebrews 13:4c God will judge.**

 **1. He will judge the Worse**

 **2. He will judge the Wicked**

 **3. He will judge the Worldly**

 **4. He will judge the Whoremonger**

 **5. He will judge the Womanizers**

 **6. He will judge the Worshippers**

**\*\*There’s not a person He will not judge!**

**\*\*The good news is that you can get forgiveness of your sins and stand in His judgment with a good conscience and not a guilty conscience!**

**III. Have a Good Conscience toward Materialism**

**Hebrews 13:5 *Let your* conversation *be* without covetousness; *and be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**

 **A. The Sin of Covetousness**

 **1. Separates you from Family**

 **2. Separates you from Friends**

 **3. Separates you from Fellowship**

**\*\*I want a good conscience knowing that I have not been jealous of or greedy for what someone else has or has accomplished!**

 **B. The Satisfaction of Christ**

**\*\*It’s hard to covet when you realize you have it all in Christ!**

 **1. I have His Abiding Presence**

**\*\*He said, “I will never leave thee.”**

 **2. I have His Abundant Provisions**

**\*\*He said, “I will never forsake thee,” which means He will give me anything that I NEED!**

 **3. I have His Almighty Power**

**Hebrews 13:6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord *is* my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.**

**\*\*I have a good conscience in knowing I crave the Messiah and I don’t covet the Materialism.**

**IV. Have a Good Conscience Toward Ministers**

**Hebrews 13:7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of *their* conversation.**

 **A. Notice the Minister’s Authority**

**Hebrews 13:7a Remember them which have the rule over you,**

**Hebrews 13:17a Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves:**

 **1. Give Your Support to God’s Man**

 **2. Give Your Submission to God’s Man**

 **B. Notice the Minister’s Assignment**

**Hebrews 13:17b for they watch for your souls, -God’s Man**

 **1. That’s the Calling – to watch for your souls**

 **2. That’s the Charge – to watch for your souls**

 **a. To Feed Your Soul with the Word**

 **b. To Fill Your Soul with the Word**

 **C. Notice the Minister’s Accountability**

**Hebrews 13:17c as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.**

**\*\*Pastors give an account to Christ and to the Church! \*\*Every pastor / preacher will give an account for how he**

 **1. Guides (With Gladness or Grief)**

 **2. Governs (With Gladness or Grief)**

 **3. Gives (With Gladness or Grief)**

 **4. Goes (With Gladness or Grief)**

**\*\*If I pastor with Gladness it Helps you! If I pastor with Grief, it Hurts you!**

**\*\*You need good conscience toward the preacher, and I need good conscience toward the people!**

**V. Have a Good Conscience Toward Messiah**

 **Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.**

**\*\*You can have a Good Conscience when . . .**

 **A. Jesus is your Savior**

**Hebrews 13:12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood,**

 **1. He is my Help that guides my conscience.**

 **2. He is my Hero that guides my cares.**

 **B. Jesus is your Shepherd**

**Hebrews 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep,**

**\*\*I can lay down and sleep with a good conscience . . .**

 **1. Because I’m following my Shepherd’s Trail**

 **2. Because I’m following my Shepherd’s Trough**

 **a. His trough gets me Fed**

 **b. His trough gives me Faith**

 **C. Jesus is your Salvation**

**Hebrews 13:20c through the blood of the everlasting covenant,**

**\*\*I can lay down and sleep with a good conscience . . .**

 **1. Because I know my Soul is Saved**

 **2. Because I know my Soul is Satisfied**

**CLOSE**

**1. How is your conscience toward mankind, marriage, ministers, materialism, and the Messiah?**

**2. Do you have a guilty conscience or do you have a good conscience in any of these areas?**

**3. If you have a guilty conscience, come and pray.**

**4. If you have a good conscience, come and pray. Pray that you keep a good conscience and stay right with God!**