

LED BY HOLY SPIRIT

Keys To Being Led-A Clear Conscience

I. **Your conscience is the voice or the expression of your spirit; your spirit gets direction from the HS and your conscience is the expression of what your spirit got from Him-Romans 9:2**

- A. Rom 2:14-15-The gentiles who don't know what the law says are keeping the law and doing what it requires instinctively with their conscience as their moral compass
 - 1. Their spirits are getting it from the HS and of course the Holy Spirit won't oppose the Word; their conscience is the expression of what their spirits are getting from the HS
 - 2. If they don't "feel" good (inside) about in their conscience that's the Spirit's leading
- B. Your conscience can be described as your "seemer"---Follow your conscience/seemer
 - 1. Your seemer is in your spirit; it's not in your head or in your emotions; When it seems good that doesn't mean that you figured it out in your head or by what you felt
 - a. This "seemed good" doesn't mean we are negligent about direction & decisions
 - 2. Luke 1:3-The book of Luke was written on this basis seemed good (inside)
 - 3. Acts 15:25,28-There's a big issue about gentiles converts keeping the law
 - a. You look at two different choices and you look at one and you just don't have anything, but you look at the other one and it just seems good to do this
 - b. Don't look for something else-**Seek the spectacular and miss the supernatural**
 - 4. John 8:9-Their own conscience told them that this was wrong

II. **To be led by the spirit it's imperative that we keep our conscience clear; you got to keep your conscience clear if you want to hear from God-1 Peter 3:16, 1 Tim 3:9 AMP**

- A. When you come to get direction your conscience needs to be clear-Heb 10:22
 - 1. If your conscience is convicting you, you can't receive from God-1 John 3:20
 - 2. We don't want a stained, polluted, contaminated conscience-Titus 1:15
 - 3. When you violate your conscience you damage it-1 Corinthians 8:10,12 AMP
- B. The Spirit of God bears witness with our spirit and our conscience is the expression of what our spirit got; if it's not clear we will miss leading-Acts 23:1, 2 Tim 1:3, Heb 13:18
 - 1. His conscience was perfectly clear about how he lived before God
 - a. What God told him to do, he did; if he missed it he repented; **there's nothing between him and God**
 - 2. Your conscience can be clear and clean or cluttered and dark (Like a closet/desk)
 - a. When you violate your conscience it'll begin to get cluttered with a bunch of stuff that God told you to do that you didn't do and vice versa

- b. **Clutter**-Crowded or confused mess or collection that impedes movement and reduces effectiveness
- c. It's like a desk that keeps piling up with papers that you didn't take care of and then you can't find what you need
- 3. Things get cluttered b/c rather than putting the thing in its place and taking care of it, you leave it laying around and say I'll take care of it later
 - a. Everything you're procrastinating about naturally and spiritually is cluttering you and hindering your spiritual sensitivity and keeping you from being led
 - b. God is a God of precision; everything has its place so be organized spiritually
 - 1) Don't let stuff go that he leads you to do; straighten up
 - c. Natural things being cluttered and sloppy is a reflection of the inside
 - 1) Unorganization/clutter in the natural effects the spiritual (Eph 5:1-Imitate God)
- 4. Your spirit is still getting it from the Holy Spirit, but your conscience is so cluttered that the expression of what you're spirit got from the HS is hard to pick up
 - a. If there was only one paper on your desk it'd be easy to find
 - 1) If you'll oppose clutter, you'll get the direction you need easier and quicker
 - b. People don't know what's God and what's not b/c their spirits are so cluttered; there are so many times they didn't obey and didn't follow-through on
 - 1) Many times the direction is there, but the believer can't find it b/c they are cluttered; there's stuff from 85 we didn't do and 93 that we didn't take care of
 - c. It's time to unclutter your spirit and one way you can clear yourself up is by going back and doing the stuff that you know God told you to do
 - 1) Willingness goes along way with God
- C. Acts 24:16-What we do in life will determine if our conscience is clear or clouded
 - 1. You have to exercise to have a clear conscience; it doesn't happen automatically
 - a. Don't go days or weeks with something bothering you in your conscience
 - b. Do what you have to do to get that right so that you're conscience will be clear
 - c. If you get corrected on something, make the change so you'll be clear
 - 2. If there's something between you and God and you know it, it'll block hearing
- D. 1 Tim 4:1-2-You can sear your conscience to the place where you don't hear the HS
 - 1. If you yield to the wrong stuff and violate your conscience it will get hard and dry
 - 2. Where stuff used to bother you b/c your conscience was tender, it won't anymore
 - 3. It dulls your spirit when you ignore your conscience

III. God uses people who are clear, clean, ready and prepared-Matthew 25:1-14

- A. 4-They got a prompting to put oil in their vessels and it took a little longer to do what they did; while the foolish got the same prompting (God's fair), but ignore it
- B. 10-The ones who were ready went in with him
- C. Having things in their place, clean, and organized is a big part of being ready
 - 1. Be sharp, be together, it will help you spiritually

IV. Hebrews 9:12-14-The blood of Jesus can cleanse your conscience

- A. A clean conscience begins with the blood of Jesus
- B. A clear conscience continues with you following your conscience day in and day out
 - 1. When something comes up in your heart follow your heart and keep your conscience clear; a clear conscience is a sensitive spirit