

2 Corinthians



power in weakness

POWER IN WEAKNESS – PART 2

The testimony of our conscience

12Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace.

13For we do not write you anything you cannot read or understand. And I hope that, **14**as you have understood us in part, you will come to understand fully that you can boast of us just as we will boast of you in the day of the Lord Jesus. 2 Corinthians 1:12-14

Paul's conscience is clear

**Teachers came into church to
discredit Paul**

Personal

Relational

Spiritual

What is the conscience?

A God given innate ability placed inside to help us to sense right from wrong

It entreats us to do what is right and refrains us to do what is wrong

Conscience is not infallible – 1 Cor. 4:4

**Conscience cannot teach you what is
right and wrong**

3 types of conscience

Defiled conscience – Titus 1:15

Seared conscience – 1 Timothy 4:2

Depraved conscience – Romans 1:28

What is a weak conscience – 1 Cor. 8

**Do not train your conscience
according to feelings**

Train it on the Word of God

***“For every look at self, take ten
looks at Christ” –***

***Robert Murray McCheyne
Scottish Preacher***

1st Charge against Paul – Personal

-2 Cor. 1:12

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Conscience – Latin - Conscientia –

**Science – knowledge of something,
(inner thoughts, self)**

Con- with

Conscience - Knowledge of our self

Sincere – Latin –

Sine - without

Cera – wax

Sine Cera – without wax

2nd Charge – Relational –

2 Corinthians 1:17, 19

*Was I fickle when I intended to do this?
Or do I make my plans in a worldly
manner so that in the same breath I say
both “Yes, yes” and “No, no”?
2 Corinthians 1:17*

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silas and Timothy—was not “Yes” and “No,” but in him it has always been “Yes. 2 Corinthians 1:19

3rd Charge – Spiritual 2 Cor. 1:14

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2 Corinthians 1:14

How do I keep a clear conscience?

1. **Confess and forsake known sin –**

1 John 1:9; Hebrews 9:14

2. **Ask forgiveness of those you have**

wronged – Matthew 5:23-24

- 3. Make restitution – Numbers 5:6-7;
Luke 19:8**
- 4. Don't procrastinate in clearing
your conscience**
- 5. Educate your conscience –**
- 6. Obey the Word of God –
1 John 3:18-22**

19This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: 20If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

*21Dear friends, if our hearts do not
condemn us, we have confidence
before God 22and receive from him
anything we ask, because we keep his
commands and do what pleases him.*

1 John 3:19-22

Apply God's Word today:

In what area do you need to clear your conscience?

How will you clear your conscience this week?

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