

CONSCIENCE #1

When we describe someone as being very conscientious, we are talking about one of those characteristics that is essential to a successful Christian life. As the apostle Paul stood before the most powerful rulers among the Jews he made it known how important this quality of character was to him. In Acts 23:1 we read, “And Paul, looking intently at the Council, said, ‘Brethren, I have lived my life with a perfectly good conscience before God up to this day.’”

To fully understand what Paul said in that statement we must recognize that our conscience is that part of us that makes us feel good when we do what we think is right and makes us feel bad when we do what we think is wrong. Paul had always tried to live in harmony with the standard of right and wrong that he understood to be from God. Even when he was persecuting Christians he did so with enthusiasm because he truly believed that was the right thing to do. So even though we must let our conscience be our guide, Paul is a great example of how just feeling good about what we are doing is not enough. We must also educate our conscience properly. That requires us to diligently study our Bibles to learn the truth. Then, we can feel good about practicing it in our lives.