

CONSCIENCE #2

Think back to when you first learned to ride a bike. For most of us it was difficult to go very far without having to stop so that we wouldn't fall or run into something and get hurt. But the more we worked at it, the better we got until we finally, we could ride with confidence and control. Unfortunately the same principle can apply to sin. The more we do it the easier it gets. That's why it is so important that we never violate our conscience. The first time we do we may feel just terrible. But the next time it won't hurt nearly as much and, eventually, we will have no sense of remorse whatsoever when we do something that we clearly understand to be wrong.

As the apostle Paul wrote to Timothy he stressed the importance of staying faithful and having a clear conscience and the consequences of not doing so. In 1 Timothy 1:18-19 he said, "This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight of faith, keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith." Today, if we will do our best to live in harmony with the word of God and maintain a good conscience before Him, we won't have to worry about our faith being destroyed.