

Keeping a Clear Conscience

1 Corinthians 10:25-31

I. Intro

● Anecdote

• Conscience

- This morning - we're going to consider the important endeavor of Keeping a Clear Conscience.
- And with this as our focus - let's take a moment to define what we mean - when we refer to the conscience of man.
- I like the way that Noah Webster defined this term - in his 1828 dictionary - where we he referred to the conscience as the...
 - "...Internal or self-knowledge, or judgment of right and wrong; or the faculty, power or principle within us, which decides on the lawfulness or unlawfulness of our own actions and affections, and instantly approves or condemns them."
- In other words - our conscience acts as an independent witness that exists within us...
 - ...which not only encourages our obedience to the laws of God - but it also convicts our hearts...
 - ...so that we might do what is morally right - and avoid what is morally wrong.

• Struggle

- When it comes to the goal of keeping a clear conscience - it's important for us to understand that...

- ...this does not mean that those who have sinned - can never achieve a clear conscience.
- No - instead the endeavor of keeping a clear conscience is based on the desire to maintain personal integrity...
- ...so that we can experience pure relationships with both God - and with others.
- And knowing that the conscience of every person has been damaged by the stain of original sin...
- ...we're going to spend our time today - considering the best way to Keep a Clear Conscience.

II. Outline

● Points

- The Plan
- With this as the goal - we can rejoice in knowing that Paul took the time to present this plan...
- ...by helping the original recipients of 1st Corinthians - to understand the importance of keeping a clear conscience.
- And as we study the scriptures before us this morning - we'll begin to see that...
 1. ...Christians can keep a clear Conscience by Living for the Lord
 2. ...Christians can keep a clear Conscience by Caring for Others
 3. ...Christians can keep a clear Conscience by Glorifying our God
- With this as our outline - let's open our Bibles to 1st Corinthians chapter 10...

- ...where we find Paul - encouraging the Christians in Corinth to keep a clear Conscience.

III. Living

- Set up

- Conscience

- As we make our way to the 10th chapter of 1st Corinthians - I wanna take a moment to remind you that...
- ...Paul initially introduced his concerns about the conscience of the Christian - earlier in this same epistle...
- ...when he encouraged them to consider how the weak conscience of a new believers could be defiled...
- ...by the mature disciples who decided that they had the liberty to eat meats that had been offered to idols.
- And it's for this reason that he helped them to understand that - those who cause another Christians to stumble...
- ...are not only wounding the weak conscience - but - they also sin against Christ.
- With this context in mind - let's pick up our study of 1st Corinthians chapter 10 - beginning there at verse 25 - where Paul declared...

- Text

1Co 10:25 Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions for conscience' sake;

1Co 10:26 for "the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness."

1Co 10:27 If any of those who do not believe invites you to dinner, and you desire to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no question for conscience' sake.

1Co 10:28 But if anyone says to you, “This was offered to idols,” do not eat it for the sake of the one who told you, and for conscience’ sake; for “the earth is the LORD’s, and all its fullness.”

1Co 10:29 “Conscience,” I say, not your own, but that of the other. For why is my liberty judged by another man’s conscience?

1Co 10:30 But if I partake with thanks, why am I evil spoken of for the food over which I give thanks?

1Co 10:31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

- The Issue
 - Here in our text today - we find Paul - encouraging the Christians in Corinth to Make it their aim - to keep their conscience clear.
 - And one reason why is due to the fact that - those who sin against their own conscience...
 - ...are simultaneously creating a carnal callous - that could keep them from feeling the conviction of the Holy Spirit.
 - That’s right - the believer who sins against the convictions of their own conscience - are not only choosing to sin...
 - ...but - they’re simultaneously searing their own conscience as with a hot iron.
 - And it’s for this reason that Paul took this opportunity to address their question about eat meats offered to idols...
 - ...by encouraging them to make sure that they were keeping their conscience clear.
- Conscience
 - Now - just to be clear - it’ll help you to know that - the Greek word which was rendered - conscience - here in our text today...

- ...was used in reference to the immaterial soul - which creates conviction - based on the law of God - which has been written upon our hearts.
 - In other words - we were all born with innate information about God's standard of what is morally right and what is morally wrong.
 - And not only that - but - God has also given us a conscience - which not only convicts us of what is wrong...
 - ...but - it also prompts us to do what is right - according to the perfect law of the Lord.
 - And it's sad to say that those who fail to keep their conscience clear - will continue to give in to their carnal cravings.
 - It's for this reason that Paul did everything that he could - to keep his conscience clean.
 - Strive
 - Let's consider how Paul put it - as he stood before his accusers in Jerusalem.
 - It's in Acts chapter 24 - beginning at verse 16 - where Paul declared...
- Act 24:16 "I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.
- In other words - Paul went to great lengths - in order to maintain a clear conscience - Before God - and man.
 - What this means is that - the goal of keeping a clear conscience is much more difficult than we might imagine.
 - And just like Paul - who was striving and struggling everyday - to keep a clear conscience before God and men...
 - ...we too should engage in the same efforts - so that we might keep our conscience clear...

- ...from the imaginations - decisions and actions - that could create a callous over our hearts.

- Questions

- With this as the goal - let's take some time to consider the practical application that Paul was presenting - here in our text today.

- Look with me again - there at verse 25 - where Paul declared....

1Co 10:25 Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions for conscience' sake;

- Here in this verse - we find Paul - presenting a point of personal application...

- ...which would help the Christians in Corinth to maintain a clear conscience before God and man.

- When it came to their questions about the meats being sold in the marketplace...

- ...Paul encouraged them to refrain from asking questions - about the origins of the animals.

- And the reason why is because - it's not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person.

- Defiled

- In other words - the disciples of Christ won't be defiled - if they eat meats that were offered as a sacrifice to idols.

- In order to prove my point - let's consider how the Lord Jesus explained - as He spoke to the multitudes.

- With this as our focus - hold your place here in 1st Corinthians - and let's turn in our Bibles - to Matthew chapter 15.

- You see - it's here in the 15th chapter of Matthew's gospel account - where we find the Lord Jesus...
- ...helping His audience to understand that - we aren't defiled by the food we eat.
- No - instead - we're defiled by the sinful words that come from our mouths.
- And it's here in Matthew chapter 15 - where we find the Lord Jesus explaining this principle.
- Defiled
- Look with me - beginning there at verse 16 - where Jesus asked...
 - Mat 15:16 "Are you also still without understanding?
 - Mat 15:17 "Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated?
 - Mat 15:18 "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.
 - Mat 15:19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.
 - Mat 15:20 "These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."
- According to Christ Jesus - the food we consume goes into the stomach where it is eliminated.
- And it's for this reason that the Lord assured us that it's not what goes into the mouth that defiles a man...
- ...no - instead - it's this carnal words that come out of the mouth - this is what defiles a man.
- That being the case - the Christian who consumes carnitas - which were sacrificed to idols - - has nothing to worry about.

- And the reason why is because - all the animals in this world - were created by our God.

- The Reason

- Let's consider how Paul put it in our text today - and so let's turn back to 1st Corinthians chapter 10.

- Let's beginning reading again - there at verse 25 - where Paul declared...

1Co 10:25 Eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions for conscience' sake;

1Co 10:26 for "the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness."

- Here in these verses - we find Paul - encouraging the Christians in Corinth to stop asking about the origins of the animals they were eating...

- ...and the reason why was because - at the end of the day - the meats that are sold in the marketplace...

- ...can all be traced back to the critters that God created - on the 5th and 6th days of creation.

- What this means is that we can keep a clear conscience concerning this question about meats offered to idols...

- ...by simply remembering that - the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness.

- The Psalm

- Paul was actually quoting the 24th Psalm - where King David declared...

Psa 24:1 The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell therein.

Psa 24:2 For He has founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the waters.

- Christian - listen - the LORD Who created the heavens and the earth - is the same LORD - Who created the critters we consume.
- And so - rather than trying to find out if the meats we eat - were used in some sort of pagan ritual...
- ...the Christian can keep their conscience clear - by simply focusing our faith on the supremacy of the One...
- ...Who pours out perfect provisions - upon those who trust in Him.
- And with that being the case - those who want to keep a clear conscience should simply live for the Lord.

● Application

- The LORD
- Just to be clear - when King David mentioned the LORD - there in the 24th Psalm...
- ...he wasn't referring to a finite master - or an earthy monarch.
- No - instead - David was using the proper name of the one true God - which is best rendered - Yahweh.
- And while it's true that the pagans in Corinth were known for sacrificing their animals - in honor of their idols...
- ...it's also true that an idol is nothing in the world - and that there is no other God but Yahweh.
- That being the case - we should stop worrying about the religious rituals of the false religions...
- ...and instead - we should make sure that we're living our lives for the true and living Lord.

• Decisions

- And listen - this is true - when it comes to the food we eat - and this is true - when it comes to the way we work.
- Those who want to keep a clear conscience - should make sure that they are living their life for the Lord.
- This is true when it comes to the people we're spending our time with - - and it's true with the way we spend our free time.
- Those who want to keep a clear conscience - should make sure that they are living their life for the Lord.
- Whether we're talking about the time we spend serving our Savior - or the time we spend - serving ourselves...
 - ...the best way to make decisions that will help keep our conscience clear...
 - ...is to make sure that we are living our lives for the Lord

● Transition

• Points

- Now this brings us to our second point - because listen...
 1. ...Christians not only keep a clear Conscience by Living for the Lord...
 2. ...but - Christians can also keep a clear Conscience - by Caring for Others.
 - Let's pick up our study of 1st Corinthians chapter 10 - where Paul presented further instructions...
 - ...which will help us to keep a clear conscience before God and men.
 - Look with me - beginning there at verse 27 - where he declared...

IV. Caring

- Text

1Co 10:27 If any of those who do not believe invites you to dinner, and you desire to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no question for conscience' sake.

1Co 10:28 But if anyone says to you, "This was offered to idols," do not eat it for the sake of the one who told you, and for conscience' sake; for "the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness."

1Co 10:29 "Conscience," I say, not your own, but that of the other. For why is my liberty judged by another man's conscience?

- Invitation

- Here in these verses - we find Paul - helping the Christians in Corinth to understand how to keep a clear conscience...
- ...as they interacted with the unbelievers within their sphere of influence.
- He began by helping them to understand how they should respond to an invitation - to eat with those who don't believe in Jesus.
- And just to be clear - Paul assured them that born-again believers were not prohibited from eating a meal with unbelievers.
- And listen - this was true - even in the case where the meats being served for dinner...
 - ...had been offered as a sacrifice - to the demonic idols of the pagan cults.

- Questions

- In order to help the Christians in Corinth - to keep a clear conscience - Paul simply encouraged them to...
- ...eat whatever was set before them - without asking question - for the sake of their conscience.

- This reminds me of several times in my own life - when a missions trip meal led me to remember this verse.
- This included one time back in 1997 - when I went with a group - to smuggle Bibles into Serbia.
- There was one meal that included a chunk of furry meat - - it was covered in gravy - and probably demon possessed.
- And as I considered what sort of furry meat was in that bowl — the Holy Spirit impressed my heart with this verse which reads...
 - “...eat whatever is set before you, asking no question for conscience’ sake.” - and so - I ate it - - and I’m fine.
- Sanctified
 - At the same time - you better believe that I asked the Lord to sanctify that meal - according to the promise that Paul presented to Timothy.
 - It’s in 1st Timothy chapter 4 - it’s beginning at verse 4 - where he assured Pastor Timothy that...

1Ti 4:4 ...every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;

1Ti 4:5 for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.
 - Now - remember - Pastor Timothy was a man who struggled with stomach infirmities.
 - And I have no doubt that he was probably a picky eater - who often found himself - sitting at a table...
 - ...with the unbelievers in Ephesus - whom he was trying to reach with the gospel message of grace.
 - Rather than allowing his young protege to push the plate away - for the sake of eating kosher...

- ...Paul encouraged Timothy to realize that - every creature of God is good - so long as we receive it with prayers of thanksgiving.

- Offense

- With all of this mind - let's take another look here at our text today - I wanna direct your attention back to verse 27 - where Paul declared...

1Co 10:27 If any of those who do not believe invites you to dinner, and you desire to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no question for conscience' sake.

- Now - - as we consider this counsel - it seems to me that Paul wanted the Christians in Corinth to realize that...
 - ...their time with unbelievers would be better spent - focusing on the faith - by which we are saved.
 - Rather than engaging in uncomfortable questions about things that don't really matter...
 - ...Christians will do better to avoid debates about non-essential issues...
 - ...so that we can spend our time - looking for the opportunity to tell them about Jesus Christ.

- Wisdom

- This was precisely the point that Paul was making - in Colossians chapter 4 where he declared...

Col 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

Col 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

- When it comes to the time we spend with unbelievers - we'll do well to avoid the foolish disputes that could keep them from coming to Christ.

- We should do our best to avoid arguments about non-essential issues - like - did this meat come from a pagan temple.
- If you're eating dinner with an unbeliever - then - just eat whatever is set before you - asking no questions for conscience' sake.
- And instead - let's look for every opportunity to present them with the proof...
 - ...that the Lord Jesus is the only Savior - Who can save us from the punishment we deserve.
- Conscience
 - At the same time - Paul also encouraged the Christians in Corinth to abstain from eating meats - which are served in the name of an idol.
 - Let's consider again how he put it - here in 1st Corinthians chapter 10 - look with me again - there at verse 28 - where Paul declared...

1Co 10:28 ...if anyone says to you, "This was offered to idols," do not eat it for the sake of the one who told you, and for conscience' sake; for "the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness."

1Co 10:29 "Conscience," I say, not your own, but that of the other. For why is my liberty judged by another man's conscience?
 - As we take a closer look at these verses - we must not fail to notice the concern that Paul had - for the Conscience of the unbeliever.
 - And while our liberty to eat meats offered to idols - shouldn't affect our own conscience...
 - ...we must not fail to consider how our liberty might affect another person...
 - ...like an unbeliever who serves us food - in the name of the idol they worship.

- And it's for this reason that Paul encouraged us to abstain from this freedom - if the unbeliever brags about their beliefs.

- IF

- I like the way that the scholars who gave us the Amplified Bible rendered verses 28 and 29 - they put it like this...

1Co 10:28 But if anyone says to you, "This meat has been offered in sacrifice to an idol," do not eat it, out of consideration for the one who told you, and for conscience's sake

1Co 10:29a and by conscience I mean for the sake of the other man's, not yours.

- As we consider this scenario - I can almost assure you that - we'll never find ourselves in this specific situation.
- And yet - the principle that Paul presented still applies - for the Christian who spends time with an unbeliever who worships an idol.
- For example - imagine attending a catholic wedding - and afterwards at the reception - the best man decides to offer a prayer to Mary.
- If the Catholics at this wedding see you bowing your head - and agreeing with a hearty AMEN...
 - ...then - this could cause the Catholics around you to think that you approve of prayers to Mary.
- Example
 - And what if an unbeliever invites you to a concert - where the artist is singing songs that glorify the sin of sexual immorality.
 - If you desire to go - and then celebrate with them - as they sing those songs that celebrate sexual sin...
 - ...then - you might be damaging the conscience of that unbeliever...

- ...as they begin to believe that Christians don't seem to think that sexual immorality is a sin.
- I could go on and on - with all sorts of scenarios - that could sear the conscience of an unbeliever...
- ...and so let it suffice to say that - the best way for Christians to keep a clear conscience...
- ...is to actually care about the conscience of the other people around us.

● Application

- Weaker
- And yes - this includes the conscience of those who are weaker in the faith.
- I like the way that Paul explained it - in Romans chapter 14 - it's beginning at verse 14 - where he declared...

Rom 14:14 I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

Rom 14:15 Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died.

Rom 14:16 Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil;

Rom 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Rom 14:18 For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.

Rom 14:19 Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

Rom 14:20 Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense.

Rom 14:21 It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak.

- Rather than living our lives - according to our own convictions - and without any concern for others...
- ...we'll all do well to remember that the Christian who wants to keep a clear conscience...
- ...should do their best to protect the conscience of the Christians who are still struggling with weaker convictions.
- And knowing that the Christian who causes other believers to stumble - are actually sinning against the Lord...
- ...let's keep our conscience clear - by caring for the conscience of those who are in our sphere of influence.

● Transition

• Points

- Now this brings us to our third and final point - because listen...
 1. ...Christians not only keep a clear Conscience by Living for the Lord...
 2. ...and - Christians not only keep a clear Conscience by Caring for Others...
 3. ...but - Christians can also keep a clear Conscience - by Glorifying our God.
 - With this as our focus - let's pick up our study of 1st Corinthians 10...
 - ...as we continue to consider this goal of keeping a clear conscience before God and men.
 - Look with me - beginning there at verse 30 - where Paul declared...

V. Glorifying

● Text

1Co 10:30 ...if I partake with thanks, why am I evil spoken of for the food over which I give thanks?

1Co 10:31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

- Why?
 - Here in these verses - we find Paul - addressing the believers who might feel justified in their convictions...
 - ...which could lead them to condemn the Christians who felt free to eat meats offered to idols.
 - And while it's true that every creature of God is good - and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving...
 - ...it's also true that there are Christians who have stricter convictions about these debatable things.
 - And while Christians with stricter convictions will do well to keep their clear conscience - by following those convictions...
 - ...the same believers will also do well to remember that - personal convictions are just that - they are personal.

- Distinction

- Now - just to be clear - I should take a moment to remind you that the law of God has been written upon our hearts.
- This was the point that Paul was making in Romans chapter 2 - where he declared...

Rom 2:14 ...when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves,

Rom 2:15 who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them...

- From this - we can see that the Lord has written His law upon the heart of every person.
- And in this way - the law - written upon our hearts - helps our conscience to know the difference between right - and wrong.
- Proof of my point is found in the fact - - you don't have to teach little kids that it's wrong to lie to their parents.
- We were all born with the law of God - written upon our hearts - - and not only that - but...
 - ...we were all created with a conscience - that helps us apply the law of God - to the decisions that are before us.
- Gray
 - And while it's true that the law of the Lord helps our conscience to understand the difference between right and wrong...
 - ...it's also true that there are many gray areas that the law doesn't clearly address.
 - For example - can Christians take Tango classes - knowing that this is a seductive form of dancing.
 - Or - can a believer go on a wine tasting tour of Fredericksburg - providing we don't get drunk.
 - Is a Christian free to give money to a non-profit organization that uses their funds to support extremist political groups?
 - I could go on and on with examples of decisions that the law of God doesn't directly address.
 - And yet - I'm certain that most of us have developed personal convictions concerning these questionable things.
- Personal

- Now - listen - when it comes to these gray areas that aren't directly addressed by the law of the Lord...
- ...I encourage every Christian to seek the help of the Holy Spirit - so that we can develop convictions that are inline with God's heart.
- Not only that - but - I also encourage every Christian to keep a clear conscience - by walking in obedience with those convictions.
- At the same time - it's also important for us to realize that - the Holy Spirit might give different convictions to another Christian.
- It's for this reason that I discourage every disciple - from stepping into the role of the Holy Spirit...
 - ...by trying to convince another Christian - that they have the wrong convictions.
- Convictions
- Let's consider how Paul addressed this issue - in Romans chapter 14 - it's beginning at verse 1 - where he declared...

Rom 14:1 Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things.

Rom 14:2 For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables.

Rom 14:3 Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him.

Rom 14:4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Rom 14:5 One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.

Rom 14:6 He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.

Rom 14:7 For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself.
Rom 14:8 For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

- When it comes to these disputes over doubtful things - it's crucial for every Christian to realize that...
- ...the Lord is able to lead His servants - by providing them with the right convictions.
- And it's for this reason that we must learn to receive other believers - who have different convictions than ours.
- And at the same time - I encourage every Christian to keep a clear conscience...
- ...by simply walking in obedience - according to the personal convictions that the Holy Spirit has given us.
- Do All
- With this as the goal - let's consider the counsel that Paul presented - here in our text today.
- Look with me again - there at verse 31 - where he declared....

1Co 10:31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

- When it comes to our decisions about doubtful things - the best thing that we can do to make sure that we're making the right decision...
- ...is to take the time to consider whether or not your decision will bring glory to God.
- Christian - listen - this goal of glorifying God - is the chief end of mankind.

- Here's how it's stated in the Westminster Shorter Catechism: "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever."
- That's right - the primary purpose of every person - is to glorify our God.

● Application

- Whatever
- I like the way that Paul put it - in Colossians chapter 3 - it's beginning at verse 16 - where he declared...

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Col 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

- Christian - listen - everything we do - should be done for the glory of God's holy name.
 - This includes the way we work - and the way we rest - this includes the way we serve - and the way we wait on the Lord.
 - Everything we do - should be done for the glory of God's holy name.
 - This includes the way we encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ - and this includes the way we interact with unbelievers.
 - Everything we do - should be done for the glory of God's holy name.
- Word
 - With this as the goal - we must not fail to understand how the word of God will help us to accomplish this goal.

- Let's consider again how Paul put it - here in Colossians chapter 3 - it's beginning again at verse 16 - where he declared...

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Col 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

- Christian - listen - the best way for us to keep a clear conscience - is to make sure that we're doing everything for the glory of God.
- And the best way for us to make sure that we're doing everything for the glory of God...
 - ...is to let the wisdom of God's word - richly dwell within our hearts and mind.
 - And listen - as we fill our minds with the wisdom of God's word - the Holy Spirit will guide us...
 - ...by helping us to develop Christ-centered convictions - that enable us to bring glory to the name of God.

VI. Conclusion

● Wrap up

- Now - as we begin to wrap up this study - I should take a moment to remind you that...
- ...Christians should strive to keep a clear conscience - which is without offense toward God and men.
- With this as the goal - I encourage you to remember that...
 1. ...Christians keep a clear Conscience by Living for the Lord.

- And whether we're talking about the time we spend serving our Savior - or the time we spend - serving ourselves...
- ...the best way for us to make decisions that will help keep our conscience clear...
 - ...is to make sure that Jesus remains the Lord of our lives.

2. Christians will also keep a clear Conscience by Caring for Others.

- And whether we're talking about the unbelievers within our sphere of influence - or our brothers and sisters in Christ...
- ...we'll all do well to remember that the Christian who wants to keep a clear conscience...
 - ...should do their best to protect the conscience of the people we spend time with.

3. Finally - Christians keep a clear Conscience - by Glorifying our God.

- And with this as our goal - it's important for us to realize that - the word of God will help us create Christ-centered convictions...
- ...so that we can make sure that everything we do - is being done for the glory of God's holy name.
 - And in this way - we will become believers - who are keeping a clear Conscience - before God and man.

