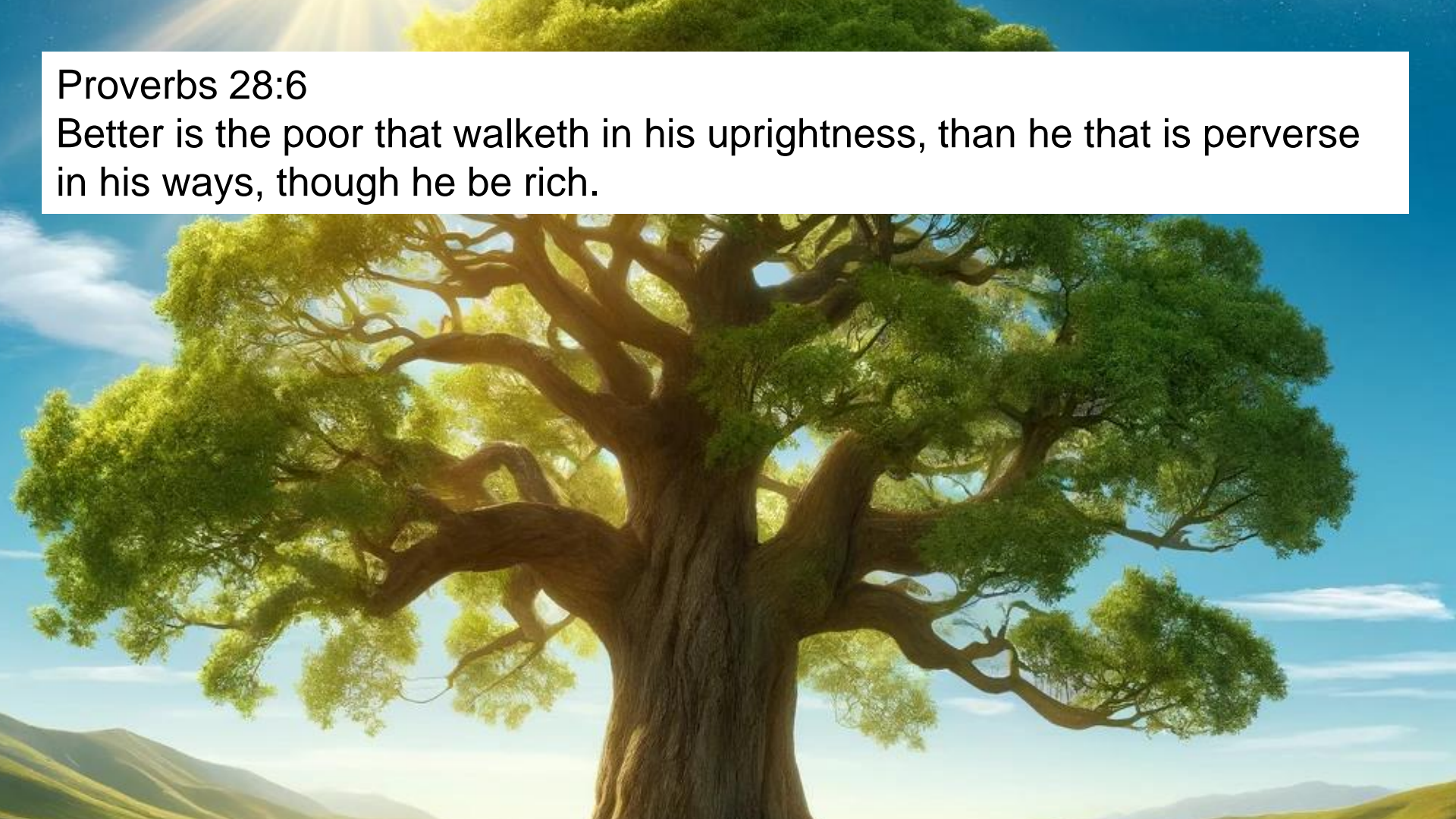


Proverbs 28:6

Better is the poor that walketh in his uprightness, than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.



## Hebrews 13:17

- Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves:
- for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account,
- that they may do it with joy, and not with grief:
- for that is unprofitable for you.



HEBREWS 13:18

Pray for us: for we trust we have a  
**good conscience**, in all things **willing  
to live honestly.**

## What is A Good Conscience?

I Peter 3:21,

"The like figure where-unto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but

**the answer of a good conscience toward God,**) by

the resurrection of Jesus Christ."



## What is Conscience?

Conscience is a person's **sense of right and wrong**, acting as a guide to one's behavior.

It's an inner feeling or voice that provides direction, and makes one feel guilty when one does something wrong.

## What is Conscience?

I TIMOTHY 4:1

» 1 † Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

» 2 † Speaking lies in hypocrisy; **having their conscience seared with a hot iron;**



## What is Conscience?

65-0801M THE.GOD.OF.THIS.EVIL.AGE\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-9  
SUNDAY\_

« 137 † The children of disobedience, and the children of obedience, has nothing in common. One of the... is of the day of Light; the other one, of night and darkness, evil age, this evil age of darkness, nightclubs, dances, yet belong to church. It's okay with their god. They don't have any condemnation about it; nothing bothers them.

"Why, it don't condemn me to cut my hair," a woman said. "Don't hurt my conscience." She's got no more conscience than a snake has got hips. That's right. Certainly not. She don't know what a conscience is. It had been seared so hard till she don't even know what it is. That's right.

138 Walking around, over the Word of God, saying, "Why, that's some old fogy. Don't go up there; they're just a bunch of noise and carry-on, anyhow." Huh! Know no more about God than a Hottentot would know about an Egyptian night. That's right. It's true.

## What is Conscience?

58-0128 THE.ONENESS.OF.UNITY\_ WATERLOO.IA V-2 N-7  
TUESDAY\_

« 15-4 † When that Spirit is in there, It takes hold of God's eternal Word, and It calls everything contrary to it as though it wasn't. No matter what it--takes place, what the world says, what anything else says... If God has made the promise, the man that's endued with that Spirit, will hold onto that promise of God, 'cause there's nothing else in his way.

**The church is pure. The church is purged by the Holy Spirit; their conscience is seared of doubt, and unbelief is taken away.**

And when they hear God's Word say a certain thing, they believe it. Oh, they hold onto it. They just don't move from it.



## Your Conscience is an Innate Sense of Right and Wrong

Romans 2:14-15 –

For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while **their conscience also bears witness**, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them.

Conscience is the voice  
of God in the soul.

Conscience is the best  
friend that any man  
can have; it will be the  
truest monitor, and the  
most impartial judge.



Conscience is a messenger of God, speaking His truth in our inward parts.



# What is A Good Conscience?

Hebrews 10:2b

...because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more **conscience** of sins.

56-0621 THE.LAW.HAVING.A.SHADOW\_ CHICAGO.IL THURSDAY\_  
Notice, "The worshiper once purged has no more sac--no more desire of sin." No more conscience; the word "conscience" is "desire." Look and see if that ain't right. Conscience is what's in it, in there making your desires. **Your conscience is to do it, and your conscience is not to do it; it's your desire.**



# What is A Good Conscience?

54-1203 THE.LAW.HAVING.A.SHADOW\_ BINGHAMTON.NY  
FRIDAY\_

...a believer once coming into Christ, and by one Spirit baptized into that Body, He has perfected forever those that are in Christ Jesus. Then the things of the world... See? And He--He that... The worshipper once purged has no more conscience (or the right interpretation of that), **has no more desire of sin. For the worshipper once purged has no more desire or conscience of sin.** He doesn't even want to sin to... He will do things wrong. And as soon as he does it, he will confess his sins right there and say, "God, forgive me; I didn't mean to do that. You know it, Father." God never sees it, but He has an advocate. He has a confession and he makes it.



## What is A Good Conscience?

57-0727 HE.WAS.TO.PASS.THAT.WAY\_ TACOMA.WA  
SATURDAY\_

Oh, I know you prospered; your business has been great. But won't you take Jesus with you this morning, won't you let Him go with you? He's come for you.

He's revealing to you now who you are, making you know that that little crooked deal that you did the other day, that little bad word that you spoke, that little smart-aleck thing you said to that woman or that man, He knows it. **He's speaking to you; that's Him talking to your conscience. Aren't you ashamed of yourself?**



## What is A Good Conscience?

55-0731 THE.UNCERTAIN.SOUND\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-26 N-19 SUNDAY\_

« 91 † The first time she grieved it back there, when she started out, running around on her husband... Here's her intellect here; here's her soul here. There's a separating line there, that if it ever crosses, it'll never cross back again. It'll never come again. Think of it. And she keeps on.

...

Then, **the soul, the conscience** that once condemns you, isn't there any more, and you've gone altogether into intellectual. You go join some old, cold, formal church that don't believe in those things, on out into hog-eat-hog, and the first thing you know, the soul that condemns you for the first time you told a lie, the first time you put on those short clothes, the first time you did immoral acts, **will become so dead to you, you won't feel it any more.** On and on you'll go. And after while death will catch up with you.

## What is A Good Conscience?

1 Peter 3:16

Having **a good conscience**, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

*...a good conscience results from **living in a manner consistent with one's faith** in Christ*



## What is A Good Conscience?

61-0108 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FOUR.3\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 645-716 SUNDAY\_

Some people say, "It don't condemn me to--to wear short hair," the women. "It don't condemn me to wear manicure or makeups, or whatever it is. It don't condemn me to go to dances. It don't condemn me to tell a little white lie. It don't condemn me to play bridge in my bridge party." **You know why? You ain't got nothing to condemn. "That don't hurt my conscience." You got no more conscience than a snake has hips. So you just... You ain't got no conscience, there ain't nothing there to hurt you. You're of the world!**

But I challenge you to let Jesus Christ come in here and try to do it one time! **Brother, you'll be so condemned you'll back off and shake your head from that thing just as certain as I'm standing here, 'cause He's holy.** Listen, I'm quoting the Scripture, "If you love them things that's the world, things of the world, it's because the love of God is not even in you."

## What are some signs of A Good Conscience?

- **You strive to do the right thing**

You consistently make an effort to do what you believe is right, even when it's difficult or unpopular.

- **You feel at peace with your decisions**

When you make choices that align with your conscience, you experience a sense of inner peace and contentment.

- **You're honest and truthful**

You value honesty and strive to be truthful in your interactions with others, even when it might be easier to lie or withhold information.

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## What is Honesty?

- Truthfulness: Conveying information that is **factual, accurate, and free from lies or misrepresentation.**
- Sincerity: Expressing **your authentic thoughts, feelings, and intentions, without pretense or ulterior motives.**
- Straightforwardness: **Communicating clearly and directly,** avoiding evasiveness or misleading statements.

## What is Honesty?

### PROVERBS 12:22

» 22 † Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but **they that deal truly are his delight.**

### COLOSSIANS 3:9-10

» 9 † Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

» 10 † And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

## What is Honesty?

Honesty is essential for building trust and maintaining integrity.

1. When you are consistently truthful, others learn that they can rely on you and your word.

2. Being honest demonstrates integrity, which is the quality of being principled, morally upright, and consistently adhering to standards.

3. Consistently being honest builds credibility and a positive reputation. People are more likely to trust and rely on individuals known for their honesty, both personally and professionally.

4. Honesty promotes transparency. And when people are transparent, it reduces misunderstandings, facilitates problem-solving, and creates an environment of collaboration and shared understanding.

# What about Equivocation?

To **equivocate** is to say something in a way that can be understood multiple ways, especially so that people will think you mean one thing when you really mean another. It's choosing and arranging your words carefully so that you're not quite lying but so that your listener winds up *deceived or misled*.

**1.Vagueness:** Making statements that are unclear, indefinite, or open to various interpretations to avoid providing a straightforward answer.

**2.Evasion:** Dodging direct questions or avoiding specific commitments.

**3.Mental reservation:** Withholding crucial information or mentally adding qualifiers to a statement that are not explicitly communicated to the listener.

Examples:

- When asked if you finished a project, replying "I worked on it" without mentioning that you didn't complete it.
- Saying "I didn't see them today" to imply you haven't seen the person at all, when in fact you saw them yesterday.
- Responding to a question with another question or an unrelated statement to avoid giving a direct answer.



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The Bible consistently emphasizes **the importance of honesty**:

Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

(Ephesians 4:25).

Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings

(1 Peter 2:1).

The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

(Proverbs 11:3).



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The Bible consistently emphasizes **the importance of honesty:**

...but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; **but by manifestation of the truth** commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

2 Corinthians 4:2

But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Matthew 5:37

*Our words should be simple, direct, and honest. Clear and unambiguous, without the need for elaborate oaths or promises.*

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# The Truth will Cast Out Devils

John 8:32

"And ye shall know the **truth**, and the **truth** shall make you free."

John 14:6

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the **truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

John 16:13

"Howbeit when he, the **Spirit of truth**, is come, he will guide you into all **truth**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."

Ephesians 4:25

"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man **truth** with his neighbour: for we are members one of another."

# The Truth will Cast Out Devils

2 Timothy 2:15

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of **truth**."

1 John 3:18

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in **truth**."

» 18 † Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things **willing to live honestly.**

» 19 † But I beseech you the rather to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

» 20 † Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

» 21 † **Make you perfect** in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

» 22 † And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: for I have written a letter unto you in few words.

» 23 † Know ye that our brother Timothy is set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.

» 24 † Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you.

» 25 † Grace be with you all. Amen.

# Summary of the Book of Hebrews

- **The Deity of Jesus:**

Jesus is shown to be superior to the prophets, angels, Moses, and the Levitical priesthood. He is the ultimate revelation of God, the eternal high priest, and the perfect sacrifice for sin.

- **The New Covenant:**

Christ's death and resurrection establish a New Covenant that fulfills and replaces the Old Covenant. This New Covenant offers better promises, a better hope, and a better sacrifice.

- **Faith and perseverance:**

Paul stresses the importance of faith and perseverance in the face of trials and hardships. He shows us examples of Old Testament heroes who demonstrated faith and endured suffering.

- **Warning against apostasy:**

Paul warns against falling away from the faith and the consequences of rejecting Christ, and urges the reader to hold fast to their confession and not to turn back to their former ways.

- **The heavenly sanctuary:**

Paul compares the earthly tabernacle with the heavenly sanctuary, where Christ serves as the high priest. He emphasizes the perfection and eternal nature of Christ's sacrifice.

- **Practical Christian living:**

The final chapters of Hebrews offer practical advice for Christian living, including brotherly love, hospitality, caring for others, and submitting to spiritual leaders.



# Notable Scriptures

## Hebrews 1:1-3

- "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"

## Hebrews 4:12

- "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

## Hebrews 4:14-16

- "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

## Hebrews 6:19-20

- "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."

# Notable Scriptures

Hebrews 11:1

- "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:6

- "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Hebrews 12:1-2

- "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12:11

- "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

Hebrews 13:5-6

- "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."