

**CLEAR CONSCIENCE:**  
The Freedom of a Blameless Heart  
Acts 24:16

A clear conscience = “the inner knowledge that there is no wrong I’ve done to God or others that I have not sought, as far as lies within me, to make right.”

1. We must maintain a clear conscience before \_\_\_\_\_

- H \_\_\_\_\_ - I John 1:6&8
- S \_\_\_\_\_ - I John 1:9
- C \_\_\_\_\_ - I Thessalonians 5:16-23; Eph.5:18
- C \_\_\_\_\_ - Psalm 139:23-24

2. We must maintain a clear conscience before \_\_\_\_\_

- Matthew 5:23-24
  
  
- Romans 12:18

Why is this so important?

- Because God wants to life the load of \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
- Because you can't \_\_\_\_\_ with God if you're not right with His children
- Because God wants to illustrate the realities of His new kingdom
- Because this reality magnifies God's \_\_\_\_\_

Gaining a Clear Conscience – Acts 24:16 [NLT]  
*I always try to maintain a clear conscience before God and all people.*

10 Commonly Asked Questions

- 1. Q: With whom should I clear my conscience?**  
**A:** My confession should be as public, or private, as my sin.
- 2. Q: What should I say?**  
**A:** Use the language of the Bible. The Prodigal said, “I have sinned again heaven and in your sight.” (Luke 15<sup>21</sup>) Or simply, “I have wronged you by \_\_\_\_\_, will you forgive me?”
- 3. Q: What if it happened a long time ago?**  
**A:** Time does not heal nor minimize the impact of what was experienced.
- 4. Q: What if I can’t locate them?**  
**A:** Ask God to help you find them.
- 5. Q: What if they’ve died?**  
**A:** Make your confession to God. It may help to admit your confession to a godly friend - James 5<sup>16</sup>
- 6. Q: What if it’s just a ‘small thing’?**  
**A:** Understand the enemy’s tactics—Satan would have you believe that offenses are inconsequential. A small stone in the shoe can cripple a soldier.
- 7. Q: What if it costs money?**  
**A:** The cost of a guilty conscience is even more expensive. Cf. Zacchaeus – Luke 19<sup>1-10</sup>
- 8. Q: What if they won’t forgive me?**  
**A:** That’s their responsibility, not yours. It may be difficult for others to forgive you immediately...leave it in God’s hands.
- 9. Q: What if someone has something against me that’s not legitimate?**  
**A:** It’s still your responsibility to seek reconciliation. Matthew 5<sup>23-24</sup>
- 10. Q: Can’t I do this later?**  
**A:** Delayed obedience is no obedience at all.