

HOW TO CALIBRATE YOUR CONSCIENCE

Romans 12.1, 2

WHAT SHAPES THE CONSCIENCE?

A Few Things That Conform Our Conscience:

- Upbringing: Demographic, Family Dynamics, Friends, Personal Experiences
- Society: Entertainment, Time Period, Region
- The Word of God

THE SEARED CONSCIENCE

Last week we looked at two types of consciences: weak and strong. But there are many nuances to this. Our consciences, whether weak or strong, can also be hardened or even seared.

Romans 2.5 // 1 Timothy 4.1-5

A Few Ways We Run This Risk:

- Convince yourself otherwise, that what you believe is okay.
- Convince yourself that this instance is okay. "This is different."
- Go with the flow of others who are like you.
- Read the bible looking for loopholes.
- Read the bible for how it affects others (opposing viewpoints)

But We Should Be:

- Acknowledging that we may be wrong.
- Observe and ask and watch others who are trustworthy.
- Most importantly, seek out truth in the Word.

HOW (AND WHEN) TO GO AGAINST CONSCIENCE

Though we should never go against conscience if we believe that it is accurate, we *should* go against conscience if we now believe that it is wrong. When we recognize that our previously held belief is actually in error, our conscience needs to be adjusted. But like a faulty warning light on your car, it will still go off according to previous calibration. This is primarily done by acting *in faith* in what you *now know to be true* according to God's Word.

Romans 12.1, 2 // 1 John 3.19-21

**Conscience is like a skylight. It lets light in,
but it does not create its own light.**

How to Calibrate Your Conscience:

- Ask, "why do I believe what I believe?" Consider what originally calibrated.
- Ask, "where is it talked about in Scripture?"
- Pursue it with due process: be objective, seek Scripture, watch sermons, read books, talk with church leaders, lots of prayer, be patient.

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Proverbs 2:6-7

⁶ For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; ⁷ he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Romans 12.1, 2**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday? _____

Look at the first list in the sermon notes. What ways has your conscience been shaped by some of these items that either differ from others around you or that you are unsure how they align with the Word? _____

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

What Gospel truths, from this passage or elsewhere give you hope as you pursue the calibration of your conscience? _____

Repent and Confess

We most often need either addition or subtraction of God's commands when it comes to calibrating our conscience. In what ways do you suspect that God may be showing you areas where you need to either add commands you have been ignoring or subtract some rules that go beyond Scripture? _____

Ask for Provision

Adjusting the conscience is no easy task, nor should it be taken lightly. What might you ask God for to help you in this? Do you need ideas on who you can talk to, or courage to humble yourself to learn from others? _____

Your Life Mission

God has brought many people into your life. So much of Paul's heart in adjusting the conscience is that we may be effective in our sharing of the Gospel with others who differ with us.

What conversations or social settings with non-believers are coming up that you could use prayer for? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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