Conscience Helps You To Obey God

Conscience leads us to baptism "the answer of a good conscience toward God" (1Pe 3:21).

Conscience is then cleansed by the blood of Christ. We have "our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience" (Heb 10:22). Guilt goes.

Conscience supports faith. We continue "keeping the faith and a good conscience" (1Tm 1:19).

Our faith and obedience toward God are encouraged by the constant influence of a conscience well instructed by God.

Conscience Can Fail

Consciences is not the final judge. "I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted, but the one who examines me is the Lord" (1Co 4:4).

For example, there will be people on judgment day who will find their consciences have failed (Mtt 7:21-23).

Here's a list of some things that can go wrong. But be aware that these things only happen when the owner of the conscience willingly allows them to...

1. Conscience can be misguided, as with Paul (Acts 26:9).

2. Conscience can be weak and defiled (1Co 8:7, Tit 1:15-16).

3. Conscience can be seared --it can become insensitive (1Tm 4:1-2).

4. Conscience may be morbid as with Judas who hanged himself (Mtt 27:3-5).

5. Conscience can be made ineffective, and when people do that to their conscience by persistent rebellion, "it is impossible to renew them to repentance" (Heb 6:4-6).

So we should seek the fruits of the Spirit and "walk by the Spirit" rather than following the passions and desires of the flesh (Gal 5:16-26).

Seeking a Good Conscience

The conscience needs educating to "understand what the will of the Lord is" (Eph 5:17).

The conscience is a 'muscle' needing good food and exercise. "For everyone who partakes of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice, have their senses trained to discern good and evil" (Heb 5:13-14).

Conscience, properly educated and exercised, is an excellent influence on us.