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Wednesday, May 18, 2022 - Group Study  
**Lesson Series: Transforming Into The New You**  
Lesson Series Text: *(Rom. 12:1-3)*  
**Lesson 4: Faith And Conscience**  
Lesson (4) Text: *(1 Tim. 1:1-7, 18-19)*  
**All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.**  
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- I. Paul's instructions to Timothy. *(3-4)*
  - A. Paul tells Timothy to stay at Ephesus while he traveled to Macedonia.
    - a. The purpose in leaving Timothy at Ephesus was to combat those who were teaching other doctrines.
  - B. Timothy was to teach the disciples not to give their attention to fables, legends, or the study of genealogies.
    - a. These discussions were creating questions that affected the believer's faith.
  - C. Timothy was responsible to make sure that they studied and discussed things that would build their faith. *(2 Tim. 2:15)*
- II. Paul revealed to Timothy what the expected end of their faith should be. *(1 Tim. 1:5)*
  - A. Agape out of a pure heart (mindset, bent).
  - B. A good conscience.
  - C. Faith that is unfeigned (sincere, pure, whole).
- III. Paul describes the downfalls of those who ignored this truth. *(6-7)*
  - A. They turned aside to empty and useless discussions.
  - B. They became self-appointed teachers of the Law, but did not understand the words or the terms they were saying, or the subjects they were trying to teach.
- IV. Paul reminds Timothy of the prophetic word that was given to him. The charge that Paul was now giving to Timothy was part of the manifestation of the word being fulfilled presently. *(18)*
  - A. He wanted Timothy to understand the purpose, timing, and manifestation of the prophecy; so that Timothy could use the prophecy as a weapon for the current warfare.
- V. The warfare must be waged with the proper methods. *(19)*
  - A. Hold faith and a good conscience.
  - B. Those who didn't, shipwrecked their faith.
- VI. What is the conscience and what is its purpose?
  - A. Definition: Conscience is a knowing with; a co-knowledge with oneself, the faculty by which we use to understand our guiltiness before God. *(Vine's Expository Dictionary of The new Testament Words)*
  - B. The internal moral witness found in all of mankind.

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- C. The purpose of the conscience is to bear witness to our spirit; the moral rightness of our decisions or actions. It works in two ways:
- To prevent us from committing sin.
  - To convict us when we have sinned. *For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and [their] thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another. (Rom. 2:14-15)*
  - Everyone saved or not have a conscience.
  - The conscience is located in the human spirit.
- VII. In order for the conscience to work properly, we must be saved. (*Heb. 9:14; Heb. 10:21-22*)
- A person can have an unclean conscience.
    - Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron. (1 Tim. 4:2)*
    - Howbeit [there is] not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat [it] as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled. (1 Cor. 8:7)*
    - Unto the pure all things [are] pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving [is] nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. (Tit. 1:15)*
- VIII. The Holy Spirit works with our conscience.
- The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. (*John 14:17, 15:26, 16:13*)
  - Truth is fidelity or faithfulness to a standard.
  - He leads and guides us into faithfulness of God's Standards.
  - The Holy Spirit works with our conscience assuring us or convicting us.
  - To the degree that our minds has been renewed in the Word of God, is the degree that the Holy Spirit can lead us by His assuring or convicting us.
- IX. Two of Paul's Statement about his Conscience.
- Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day. (Acts 23:1)*
  - And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men. (Acts 24:16)*

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