

Living with a Clear Conscience

Living with a clear conscience is doing what is right before God, even when it's hard or inconvenient or unpopular.

Acts 23:1 (ESV) *And looking intently at the council, Paul said, "Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up to this day."*

2 Chronicles 16:9 (NIV) *For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him*

4 ways to live with a clear conscience

1). Own Your Part.

² *And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth.*
³ *Then Paul said to him, "God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?"* ⁴ *Those who stood by said, "Would you revile God's high priest?"* ⁵ *And Paul said, "I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'"*

Psalms 51:2 (NIV) *Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin...⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

2). Navigate with Wisdom

⁶ *Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, "Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial." ⁷ And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided.*

⁹ *Then a great clamor arose, and some of the scribes of the Pharisees' party stood up and contended sharply, "We find nothing wrong in this man. What if a spirit or an angel spoke to him?" ¹⁰ And when the dissension became violent, the tribune, afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him away from among them by force and bring him into the barracks.*

Matthew 10:16 (ESV) *Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.*

3). Share your Faith Story as you go

¹¹ *The following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome."*

4). Trust in God's Sovereignty

¹² *When it was day, the Jews made a plot and bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. ¹³ There were more than forty who made this conspiracy.*