

AA59. Keeping a Clear Conscience.

We are to keep a clear conscience.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

1 Timothy 1:5

The purpose of this order is to promote love from a clean heart, from a good conscience and from sincere trust.

Hebrews 13:18

Keep praying for us, for we are certain that we have a clear conscience and want to conduct ourselves properly in everything we do.

1 Peter 3:15-16

.. but treat the Messiah as holy, as Lord in your hearts; while remaining always ready to give a reasoned answer to anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you- yet with humility and fear, keeping your conscience clear, so that when you are spoken against, those who abuse the good behavior flowing from your union with the Messiah may be put to shame.

1 Peter 3:21

This also prefigures what delivers us now, the water of immersion, which is not the removal of dirt from the body, but one's pledge to keep a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection of Yeshua the Messiah.

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Acts 23:1, 24:16

1 Timothy 1:18-19, 3:8-9

Hebrews 9:13-14

Related New Testament Mitzvot

AA25 Focusing Our Thoughts on Things Godly

AA41 Comparing That Which is Taught Us to Scripture

AA51 Aspiring to Be Blameless

AB06 Walking in the Holy Spirit through Faith and Hearing

AB07 Being Led by the Holy Spirit

AB08 Seeking to Hear the Holy Spirit

AB13 Conforming Our Mind and Aligning Our Conscience with the Holy Spirit

AB14 Seeking and Pursuing the Things of the Spirit

HB02 Seeking to Understand the Will of God

HB06 Keeping Torah in Our Heart

HB11 Internalizing the Word of God and of Messiah
HB12 Not Neglecting the Torah (God's Teaching)
HB16 Knowing the Holy Scriptures
HB18 Learning God's Word

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

1 Kings 8:37-39

If there is famine in the land, or blight, windstorm, mildew, locusts or shearer-worms; or if their enemy comes to the land and besieges them in any of their cities- no matter what kind of plague or sickness it is; then, regardless of what prayer or plea anyone among all your people Isra'el makes- for each individual will know what is plaguing his own conscience- and the person spreads out his hands toward this house; hear in heaven where you live, and forgive, and act, and, since you know what is in each one's heart, give each person what his conduct deserves (because you, and only you, know all human hearts) ..

Comment

Our conscience is that entity within us that tells us what is morally right and what is morally wrong. If it were not for the Bible and the Holy Spirit, our conscience would be at the whim and mercy of our fallen human nature. and what we are taught by our parents, our teachers, and the world in which we live. It is likely that some of what we are taught is right, but too often we are impacted by wrong teaching as well. This *Mitzvah* #AA59 instructs us to keep a clear conscience, which means to align our conscience with what God says is right, an instruction that we could not follow were we ignorant of Scripture, and our conscience unable to hear and resonate with the Holy Spirit. Therein lies the key to complying with this *Mitzvah*; it is to learn from the Bible, and hear and be obedient to the Holy Spirit.

Related Mitzvot in Volumes 1 & 2

A13 Being Pure in Heart
A14 Aspiring to God's Perfection & Holiness
A24 Being Clean of Spirit as Well as of Body
H04 Using Our Speech, Thoughts, Hearts and Actions for that which Is Good and Holy
M01 Pursuing Righteousness & Doing What Is Right
R01 Listening to and Heeding God's Voice
R02 Receiving the Holy Spirit
W01 Studying, Hearing & Teaching Torah & Torah-Obedience
W02 Remembering and Walking in Awareness of God's Word
W04 Testing Everything that is Spoken in God's Name
W08 Obeying the Mitzvot of Adonai & Yeshua
W10 Attending to Both the Lesser & the Weightier Matters of Torah