

Home Group Helps

2 Corinthians 1:12-14

The Testimony of Conscience

I. The Testimony of a Clean Conscience (v.12) - ¹² For our proud confidence is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you.

II. The Power of a Clean Conscience (v.13-14) – ¹³ For we write nothing else to you than what you read and understand, and I hope you will understand until the end; ¹⁴ just as you also partially did understand us, that we are your reason to be proud as you also are ours, in the day of our Lord Jesus.

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1. Launching Question(s):

- What might be a “conscience forming event” that you experienced in your life?

2. Observation Question(s):

- Paul describes his “proud confidence” or “boast” in 2 Corinthians 1:12 and 14 and speaks of boasting in 2 Corinthians more often than in any of his other letters. Yet, in other places in Scripture, boasting is considered a sin. So, we can conclude that there are bad and good kinds of boasting. How would you describe the difference? (Jeremiah 9:23-24)
- How might 1 Cor. 1:26-29 help to ensure that you only practice the right kind of “proud confidence” or “boasting?”:
- 1 Cor. 1:26-29 - ²⁶ For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; ²⁷ but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, ²⁸ and the base things of the world and the despised, God has chosen, the things that are not, that He might nullify the things that are, ²⁹ that no man should boast before God.”

3. Interpretation Question(s):

- What does Paul mean by the “day of our Lord Jesus” (2 Cor. 1:14)? How does it relate to this passage (Paul’s defense of his own conscience)?

4. Reflection Question(s):

- Why is having a clean conscience so important for the Christian?

5. Application Question(s):

- Is there something that you have done that has violated your conscience that you need to repent from this week?

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