

A Faith-Informed Conscience

Description

1 Timothy 1:15-20

When Eve took the fruit, she disobeyed what God had said even before eating it. She allowed the tempter to inform her understanding of right and wrong. Eve's definition of what was right became what seemed good to her.

We live in a culture where what seems right to me is an accepted standard. We have turned away from allowing the Word of God to have the majority vote in what seems right. When we do this, we live with a broken conscience—or at least a watered-down one.

Paul counseled young Timothy to hold on to faith and let it inform his understanding of right and wrong. Paul taught Timothy and us to let who God is and what He has said be our bottom line. What God says should inform our conscience. Then, the Holy Spirit has an open space to fill our lives with God's truth, His warnings, and His affirmation about perspectives that do not represent His ways. It is the only way to hold on to a faith-informed conscience and live a God-pleasing life.

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