

# THE ANSWER

## Why You're Responsible for What You Do Romans 2:12-16

### MESSAGE NOTES

1. Everyone has a conscience.

2. It's programmed to orient you to God's Word.

3. Here are some "conscience ratings":

Defiled – Titus 1:15-16

Purified – Hebrews 9:11-14 10:19-22

Good – Hebrews 13:18 1 Peter 3:16

Sensitive – 1 Corinthians 8:4-13

Seared – 1 Timothy 4:1-2

4. Your conscience is active in everyday life situations:

- Reminds you of responsibility to God and men  
1 Timothy 1:5 1 Peter 3:18-21 Romans 13:15 Acts 24:16
- Signals inconsistency between what you say and what you do  
1 Timothy 3:9 John 8:9

5. Your conscience makes you responsible for your actions and accountable to God. Romans 2:15-16

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

What are some common ideas about the conscience? If you were to ask people at work or school what function the conscience has, what do you think they would say? If you ask them how important the conscience is, what would they say?

Read 1 Peter 3:16. Discuss how your conscience helps you live in an unbelieving world.

Read 1 Corinthians 8:10-12. Discuss how you can be careful regarding another Christian's sensitive conscience.

Titus 1:15 speaks of a defiled conscience – one that has become contaminated through repeatedly disregarding it. What are some of the dangers of living with a defiled conscience?

Can you give some examples of how your conscience reminds you of your responsibility to God? To others?

Read Acts 24:16. Pray that God will enable you to live this way.