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## *How to Gain a Clear Conscience*

*John 7:24 Do not judge by appearances but judge with right judgment.*

### **1. Does someone hold something against me that I need to clear up?**

If not sure, ask. "I may be being overly sensitive; is there something I've done to offend you?"

### **2. What was the basic \_\_\_\_\_ done against someone?**

Examples: self-centered, harsh, ungrateful, critical, proud, disrespectful, unkind, lying, stubborn, etc.

### **3. Ask Them to Forgive You.**

"I realize that I have been wrong in \_\_\_\_\_ (basic offense)  
Will you forgive me?"

Key: Pg. 1: mess; fess; you; sorry; apologize; If.

Pg. 2: people; reconciled; responsibility; Pretending.

Pg. 3: worship; you; you.

Pg. 4: offense;

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## **Clear Up Relationships**

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When we mess up we fess up.

*Acts 24:16 So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.*

### *What is a Clear Conscience?*

The inner freedom from knowing that no one can point a finger at you and accuse you of wrongs toward him that you have not made right.

### *How Not to Gain a Clear Conscience*

- "I was wrong but \_\_\_\_\_ were too."
  - "I'm \_\_\_\_\_," or, "I apologize."
  - Quick "\_\_\_\_\_"
  - "\_\_\_\_\_I've been wrong, please forgive me."
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## Principles of a Clear Conscience

### 1. We're not right with God when we're wrong with \_\_\_\_\_.

1 John 4:20 *If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. [21] And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.*

1 Peter 3:7 *Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.*

### 2. The past is not past until you're \_\_\_\_\_.

1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

Forgiveness involves an admission of guilt born of authentic \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ it didn't happen is neither forgiveness nor being reconciled.

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### 3. Reconciliation takes priority over \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 5:23, 24 *Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.*

### 4. The initiative lies with \_\_\_\_\_.

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Matthew 18:15 *If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.*

1 Peter 4:8 *Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.*

### 5. Do what \_\_\_\_\_ can to reconcile.

Romans 12:18 *If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

Proverbs 18:2 *A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions.*

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