

FOR DEEPER STUDY

1. Acts 24:10-27 gives us insight into how Paul testified of his faith in Christ. Read this account, then study 2 Timothy 2:23-26. Consider the spirit in which Paul tells Timothy to relate to the unsaved. How does Paul exercise these virtues when speaking to Felix?

Have you ever become impatient and even angry when witnessing to someone? Why did this happen?

2. The Greek word used in Acts 24:16 for “strive” is *askeo*, which means “to take pains, endeavor, exercise by training or discipline.” Compare a good conscience to a good coach. What qualities should a good coach have?

Does your conscience ever speak to you about the sin of apathy regarding evangelism? What can you do to ensure that you don't have an offending conscience in this area?

3. Has there ever been a time when you chose not to listen to the voice of your conscience? How did that make you feel?

What impact did that feeling have on your relationship with God (on your prayer life, etc.)?

4. Explain the work of the conscience according to Romans 9:1 and 2 Corinthians 1:12
5. When Felix heard Paul “concerning the faith in Christ,” what did Paul talk to him about (see Acts 24:25)?

Do you think this is how most Christians witness? If not, why not? What does John 16:7,8 tell us about the content of Paul's witness?

6. Read Romans 2:15. What did Felix's conscience do for him as he listened to Paul,

and why did it speak in such a way?

7. Read 1 Corinthians 9:16-22. Read it the first time as the words of the apostle Paul, then read it again out loud as your personal prayer to God. Begin with "Dear Father" and end with "In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

MEMORY VERSE

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God."

1 Corinthians 6:9-10