

Clean Conscience

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

I want to speak to you today concerning a chapter in the book, *Food for Faith*. *Food for Faith* is a book which my husband, Richard, has written. It is available as you write to this station, as long as supplies last. The section in this little book is called *A Clean Conscience*. How is your conscience when you are quiet, when you are all alone with just yourself? Do certain things kind of nag at you? If we want to renew fellowship with God after we have sinned, it is necessary that our guilty, sin-laden conscience be cleansed. To rid ourselves of this burden of guilt when we feel all defiled, we must, with our defiled heart, turn to the Lord and confess our sin before God. We must tell the Lord what is going on inside. Now, it isn't that He doesn't know about these things; He is only too aware of them! It is His Spirit that is telling us these things. But you see, sin breaks fellowship. Have you ever said something rather nasty to somebody? The next time you meet that person, you carry on a conversation, but something comes between you. Until you deal with it, that little thing will grow from a small little speck into a great big mountain.

The Apostle John wrote in **1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all**

unrighteousness. When I become conscious of my failure and sin, I try to name those specific sins before God. I believe if we understand that this is breaking fellowship with God, and breaking fellowship with those around, we will realize that it is by the precious Blood of the Lord Jesus that we are cleansed. He enables me to have restoration with Himself. You can't just accumulate all these so-called "sins" in your mind, all these problems, and think, "That's it, God! The end of the day is here. I want to get to sleep. I am tired. You know, Lord, I did mess it up a bit. Sorry about those things. Cleanse me." No. You know, these things happen one by one and, therefore, we have to deal with them accordingly. You might have a problem that somebody sinned against you, and you do not quite know how to deal with that, either. It aggravates you. There is something there, which is a terrible stumbling block. In your heart, you have to tell the Lord that you forgive that person. Forgiveness is a two-way operation. It might be you did nothing wrong, but somebody did something wrong to you. It is absolutely essential that you say, *Lord, I forgive that person.* When you forgive somebody, that releases it from your life and His love is able to flow through your heart.

We read a lot in the Old Testament about King David. King David in **Psalms 51:1** turned to the Lord. He had done some very heinous crimes actually. They were terrible, big sins. We might put those at the top of the list and say that he had no way he could be cleared up with

all his sins and get right with God. But the verse says because of . . . **.the multitude of thy tender mercies . . .** that God was going to forgive him. You know, we read of . . . **the multitude of (His) tender mercies.** Perhaps you are sitting in a prison today hearing this. You are only too aware of the heinous crimes that you have committed and you want to receive Jesus. You want to walk with your life cleansed and your conscience cleansed. You are willing to put right things, but what do you do with this huge thing that is upon your heart and mind? Remember, you are dealing with God, who has the kindness and the willingness to forgive you of the multitude of your sins by His **tender mercies.** How is that possible? When Christ Jesus died upon the Cross, He paid the price for each of those things which are now bothering your conscience. He knew every one of them, because He is God! He knew them before they even happened, because He, being God, knew all about your life even before the foundation of the world.

Would you come to God and say, 'You paid that price. Would You, by Your tender mercies, look upon me and forgive me? I forgive those people who did those things to me, that my conscience is clear and clean before You. I want this to happen in my life for Your glory. That I might know confession and, at the same time, a fresh infilling and a pure conscience before You.

For Jesus's sake. Amen.

