

Revisiting KS Foundational Truths: Part 4

INTRODUCTION 4:

On 11/23, 12/14, 12/28, and 1/18 I shared that the Almighty is urging me to revisit fundamentals in the hope of each and everyone of us examining ourselves and our situations and us moving toward resolution and victory. *No one* in *KS* is exempt. We are all flesh trying to grow into Spiritual Beings. Do not be stuck in what you learned in the past but be open to what *Yeshua* and the *Spirit* reveal today. Ask *Yah Adonai* to *show me my weaknesses*. Do not fall into the trap of hiding your weaknesses and succumbing to pride. *From whom are you hiding your weaknesses and sins?* Repent now, today, and start recovery before it gets *shouted from the rooftop*

THE IMPORTANCE IN GAINING A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

Why did Rabbi Paul make the point of always having *a clear conscience* in the sight of both God and man? *“Indeed, it is because of this that I make a point of always having a clear conscience in the sight of both God and man.”* (Acts 24:16). I believe that having and maintaining a clear conscience is essential in regaining and maintaining real intimacy with the Almighty. In fact, he told his beloved disciple Timothy: *“This charge, son Timothy, I put to you ... that you may fight the good fight, armed with trust (faith) and a good (clear) conscience. By rejecting conscience, some have made shipwreck of their faith”* (1 Timothy 1:18-19). Thus, if we reject conscience we will surely experience a distancing from the Lord and lose real intimacy.

A *clear conscience* involves the inner freedom of spirit toward *Yah Adonai* and others that comes by knowing that *Yah Adonai's* Holiness is not offended by our thoughts or actions, and that no one can point the finger at any of us and say: *you've offended me, and you've never asked for my forgiveness*. We are also to *fight the good fight armed with faith and a good conscience*. The greatest single hindrance to gaining a good or clear conscience is focusing on the feeling that people we offended were wrong too (in fact, they often are)! We know that they were mostly (>50%) wrong. The danger in this posture is that often our focus shifts while we blame them and as a result we balance our own guilt with blame forcing us to live with *both guilt and blame*. It is our *natural inclination* to find other people or circumstances which are to blame for what we have done/not done in order to justify or excuse our offenses and shortcomings. *The greater our guilt, the more we must blame*. The resulting emotions are devastating to our mental/emotional health and balance and separate us from *Yah Adonai*. The *Rev. 12:11* formula for overcoming involves *“loving not our lives unto the death”*, which surely includes *dying to self*. The greatest way to die to self is by *forgiving and asking for forgiveness*. Do we really understand forgiveness? The most important teaching on forgiveness is in Matt. 18 (See my message from March 1, 2014). Each one of us is to: *“... have a clear conscience in the sight of both God and man”* (Acts 24:16).

STEPS IN GAINING A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

1. List their offenses (Parents)

- “They don’t love me”
- Broken promises
- False accusations

A. Identify the basic offense

- Attitudes – 1 Pet. 3:10
- Actions – II Cor. 5:10
- Words – Matt. 12:36
- Negligence – Jas. 4:17

Purpose to Ask for Forgiveness