**Let Your Conscience Be Your Guide?**

**Disney – “Give A Little Whistle” (Pinocchio)**

*When you get in trouble and you don't know right from wrong*

*Give a little whistle! Give a little whistle!*

*When you meet temptation and the urge is very strong*

*Give a little whistle! Give a little whistle!*

*Not just a little squeak, pucker up and blow*

*And if your whistle's weak, yell, "Jiminy Cricket!"*

*Right!*

*Take the straight and narrow path*

*And if you start to slide*

*Give a little whistle! Give a little whistle!*

*And always let your conscience be your guide.*

1. The Conscience.
2. What is it?

* W. E. Vine – Conscience – That process of thought which distinguishes what ***IT*** considers morally good or bad, commending the good, condemning the bad, and so prompting to do the former, and avoid the latter.
* What’s the problem?
  + Proverbs 14:12; Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 3:7

1. Different types of consciences…

* Good Conscience – having conducted oneself in accordance with the standard ***that person*** has chosen.
  + Paul (Acts 23:1; 26:9-11 – his conscience was good because he did what he thought was right.)
  + But Paul wasn’t right – 1 Timothy 1:15 (Chief among sinners – but had a good conscience.)
  + *“You ask me if the God of the Christians forgives those who don’t believe and who don’t seek the faith. I start by saying – and this is the fundamental thing – that God’s mercy has no limits if you go to him with a sincere and contrite heart. The issue for those who do not believe in God is to obey their conscience. Sin, even for those who have no faith, exists when people disobey their conscience.”* – Pope Francis of the Roman Catholic church.
    - Hebrews 11:6 (statement contradicts the Bible)
* Seared Conscience – having conducted oneself in a way contrary to the standard so many times that guilt and shame are no longer present. *(in a way the standard has been changed by repeatedly disobeying it)*
  + 1 Timothy 4:1-2
    - Romans 1:20-32

1. Let God’s word be your guide!

* Ephesians 4:1-5 (supposed to walk in unity, one faith. Conscience is different in everybody if it doesn’t have a standard to teach it.)
  + Psalm 119:10-16
* Jeremiah 10:23-24 (correction from the Lord)
  + 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (how God corrects and instructs today)
* Psalm 119:105-106, 127-128, 130-133, 142, 160
* Colossians 3:16-17
* 2 John 9
* Proverbs 14:12