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John 16:8



God's graces that help us to judge ourselves



*“For if we would judge ourselves, we
would not be judged”*

1 Cor 11:31



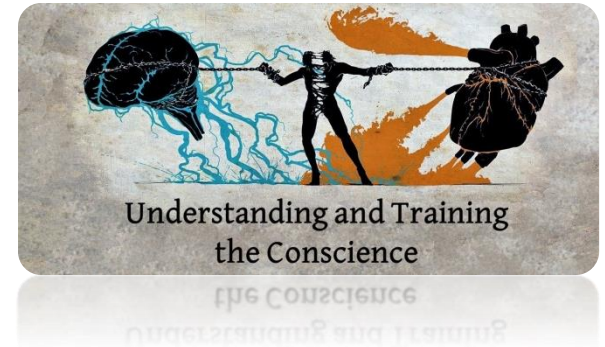
I. The Conscience ⁽¹⁾

- It is the compass that points to what is good and convicts us regarding what is evil
- “Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one” *John 8:9*



I. The Conscience (2)

- The tool of the conscience needs to be cleared and trained to maintain its saving function.
- “I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men” *Acts 24:16*



II. The Spirit of God (1)

- “And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment”

John 16:8

- The Holy Spirit convicts, yet He is the Helper who guides, corrects, comforts, and supports our weakness



II. The Spirit of God (2)

- His voice ought to be obeyed lest we grieve and quench Him in us:
“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption”

Ephesians 4:30



III. The righteousness of others (1)

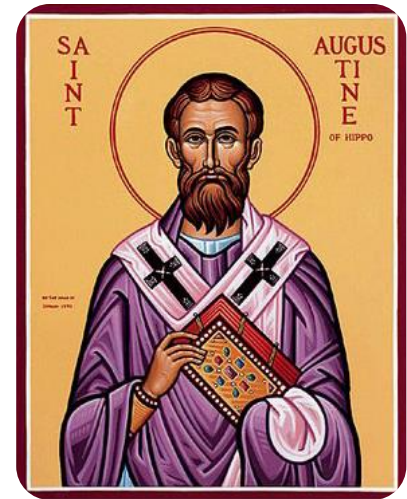
- “But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on *his* face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you”

1 Cor 14:24-25



III. The righteousness of others (2)

- Reading and learning about the biography of the saints and their struggle to attain holiness
- St. Augustine's conversion after reading the story of St. Anthony



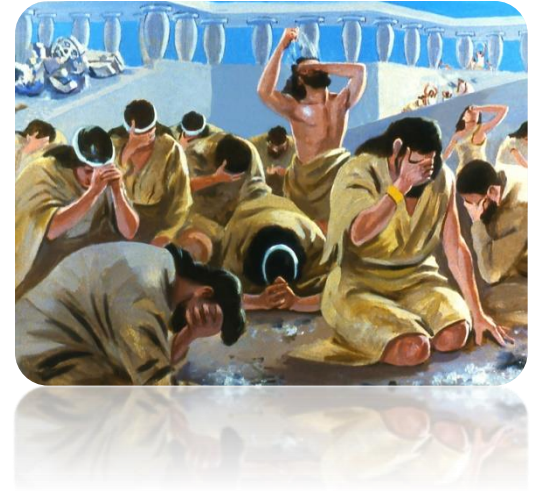
IV. Spiritual guides and leaders (1)

- “... holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict” *Titus 1:9*
- Nathan the prophet and King David



IV. Spiritual guides and leaders (2)

- Jonah and the people of Nineveh
- Being blinded by an inflated ego will make this tool of no benefit to those stricken with pride and self-righteousness



V. The Law of God ⁽¹⁾



- “...but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors”

James 2:9

- At the time of Nehemiah:
“For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law”

Nehemiah 8:9

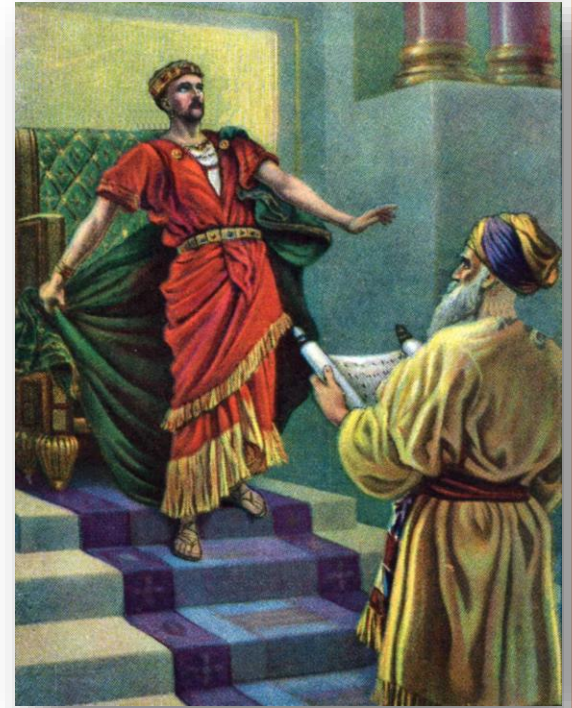


V. The Law of God (2)

- At the time of King Josiah: “Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, that he tore his clothes”

2 Kings 22:11

- The daily reading and developing a sensitivity towards to the Word of God



What should follow the conviction?

1. *The knowledge*: What needs to be done?
2. *The correction*: Where to start?
3. *The change*: How to maintain it?

