Questions for Spiritual Growth

1. How can a guilty conscience be cleansed?

2. What are some of the manifestations of an overactive and hypersensitive conscience?

3. How can we determine whether a non-essential matter is spiritually harmful or not? When should we talk with a brother or sister about such matters?

4. Are you living with a spirit of appreciation to God? What are some ways you can express daily gratitude to the Lord?

5. According to Romans 14:9, why did Christ die and rise from the dead? How is that evident in your life?

6. The next time you are tempted to criticize someone else, what should you first do before uttering a word?

“I also do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience both before God and before men.” Acts 24:16

“The goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.” 1 Timothy 1:5

“We have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the Word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God.” 2 Corinthians 4:2

“Keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.” 1 Peter 3:16

“A Matter of Conscience”
Romans 14:5-9
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I. The __________________________ of a good conscience. Verses 5

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• It is a _________________ to record what we have done in exact detail. Jeremiah 17:1

• It is the _________________ that lodges a complaint against us when we are guilty, and a _______________ to side with us in our innocence. Romans 2:15

• It acts as a ____________________, giving testimony for or against us. 2 Corinthians 1:12

• It is the _________________, condemning or vindicating us. 1 John 3:20–21

• It is the _____________________, smiting us with grief when our guilt is discovered. 1 Samuel 24:5

The conscience must be __________________________ from God’s Word to judge accurately and effectively.
II. The ___________________ of a good conscience.  
   *Verses 6-7*
   1. Giving __________________ to God.
   2. Doing what __________________ God.

III. The ___________________ of a good conscience.  
   *Verses 8-9*
   1. Affirming the ___________________ of Christ.
   2. Confirming the ___________________ of Christ’s resurrection.