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### **A GOOD CONSCIENCE**

This is the second time in chapter one that Paul has emphasized the importance of a "Good Conscience".  
(1 Tim.1:5, 19).

In our lesson text Paul mentioned two key weapons in the angelic conflict of "fight the good fight" (1 Tim.1:18b).

- "Keeping (echo/ p.a.ptc.nsm) **faith** and a **good conscience**, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith." (1 Tim.1:19)

<p><b>This lesson will study two aspects of a Good Conscience.</b></p>
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#### **1. We will begin with the Greek word for good, agathos. There are two dominant Greek words for good: kalos and agathos.**

- Vine's describes **agathos** as, "that which, being 'good' in its character or constitution, is beneficial in its effect." (Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words, pg.273)
- Vine's describes **kalos** as, "that which is intrinsically 'good' and so, 'goodly, fair, beautiful.'" (pg.273/ essential nature of constitution that makes a thing good)

The Septuagint translated the good and evil of the tree of knowledge as kalos and poneros (Gen.2:17).

Both Greek words are found in Luke's account of the "good ground" in the **Parable of Sower**.

(Eph.1:18) "And the seed in the good (**kalos**) [essential nature of good ground for seed compared to three other types], these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest (**kalos**) eyes of heart to see truth"

(Luke 8:15) "and good heart (**agathos**) [Right constitution of ground for Divine Production according to the Will of God], and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance."

**Home study:** Luke also used agathos in (Luke 18:18-19; 19:11, 16-17; and 23:50-54).

#### **2. Agathos, as Divine Good related to Will of God, is a key factor in Spiritual Transformation.**

(Rom.12:2) "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so **that you may prove what the will of God** is, that which is good (agathos) and acceptable and perfect."

(Rom.12:9b) "Abhor what is evil (poneros); and cling to what is **good** (agathos/ what is right according to the word of God)." (Rom.12:21)

Freedom to choose good or evil in the Garden of Eden was the issue behind the directive Will of God of Gen.2:17.

Choice of evil led Adam and Eve to reject faith and a **good** conscience resulting in suffering shipwreck in regard to faith (Gen.3:1-7; **1 Tim.1:19**).