

WHAT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO?

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

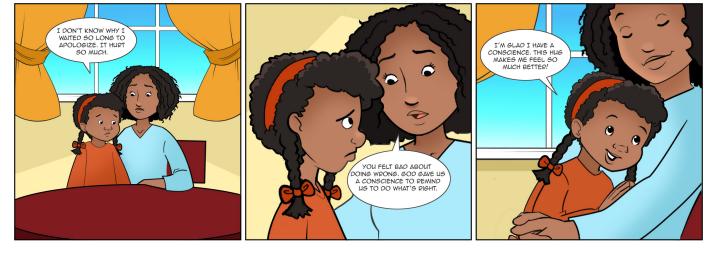
Memory Verse

⁴ Love is patient and kind, never jealous, boastful, proud, or 5 rude. Love isn't selfish or quick tempered. It doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-5

CASEY'S DAY

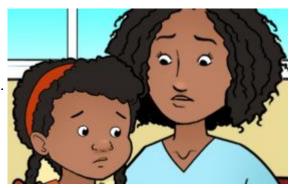
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I don't know about you, but I have kept many secrets in my life. Most of them were small and not important, but a few of these secrets were pretty big. They felt big because knowing them and keeping them secret ate at my conscience.

Your conscience is the voice in your head that tells you what is the right thing to do. It also nags at you when you do something wrong, or maybe even when you avoid doing something right. "This proves that the conscience is like a law written in the human heart. And it will show whether we are forgiven or condemned" (Romans 2:15). God gave each of us a conscience to help us remember to do what is right.

Confessing is admitting to someone that we did a wrong thing or didn't do a right thing. It's your conscience that prompts you to confess when you've kept something you did wrong a secret. One secret I kept for a long time was how bad I felt that I'd ignored a neighborhood friend when she first started coming to my



school. I thought she wouldn't *fit in* with my other friends. Afraid to do the right thing, I didn't include her in my "group." For years, my conscience made me feel bad about how I had treated her. I wasn't able to get rid of that bad feeling until I confessed to her how badly I felt for what I'd done. By confessing to my friend, I gave her the chance to forgive me. And I forgave myself.

Prayer

Dear God, we praise and thank you for our conscience. We are especially glad when it pricks us to do the right thing. Help us today to listen to it and take action to do what is right. Amen.

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