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In this booklet, Dr. R. C. Sproul shows that this development involves learning and mastering the many principles God has laid down in His Word, and even in creation itself. In other words, we must know and understand God's law. As we gain a firmer grasp of what God expects and requires, we are increasingly able to make decisions that please Him.

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### **Jefferson says**

When I reached the end of the book, I considered that Sproul had not answered the question in the title at all. Nevertheless, still enjoyed, though sometimes initially confused, by his world-class philosophical expositions on the definition of “conscience”, the creation ordinances, the gray area between the absolutes of right and wrong, two extremes that a Christian conscience must avoid (legalism and antinomianism), and degrees of sins.

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### **Jacob James says**

#### **Valuable advice for all Crhistians for the most part**

Most points offered by Sproul in this book I agree with, except for his last chapter on the "degrees of sin." While I'm no theologian, I feel that the outlook in this case given to us by Sproul can lead to a dangerous legalism that Sproul refutes early on in the book!

If there is varying rewards/punishments in heaven/hell, some people may come to the conclusion that "I want to get a better position in heaven, so I'll follow Jesus's teachings to be better off in the afterlife," rather than "I love God, so I'll do what he asks, since I love him." It is similar to holding a carrot in front of a horse so he will come forward, rather than the horse moving forward because he wants to do as his master asks. This I believe to be dangerous thinking that can lead to legalism.

That being said, this is a helpful book overall for Christians eager to learn more about how to honor God.

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### **John Yelverton says**

This is a very difficult question in our Jiminy Cricket age in which we think out conscience can be our guide, when in reality, our consciences are often calloused by sin; and R.C. Sproul elegantly addresses this issue and explains how it can be dealt with in a godly manner.

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### **Ted says**

Short little book.

Sproul is invariably far more conservative than I am. But he does not come across as a fire and brimstone preacher either. He's somewhere in between and I'm that sense he strikes a good balance.

I will probably have to re-read the books in this series as they are somewhat dense. He appears to enjoy philosophical underpinnings and arguments. I like that. But with all questions of existence, one needs time for the cancel and argument to sink in. I am in that period of steeping.

## **John says**

Reading R.C. Sproul always leaves me respecting how well learned he is, while appreciating his ability to make complicated subjects understandable to the layman. This book is no exception to that. I often wish he would take subjects deeper than he does, but much of his writing is geared toward the layman, and so it is easy to understand and respect his ability to deliver.

This is one of his better introductory books, demonstrating to his readers the importance of submitting to God's law, and molding one's conscience to the Word of God.

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## **Steve Campbell says**

This booklet gives a helpful overview of what it means to have a distinctively Christian conscience. It discusses the limitations of the general view of conscience and shows how some Christians can abuse the conscience by drifting toward one of two extremes--legalism and libertinism. Sproul offers a helpful distinction between ethics and morality.

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## **Emmanuel Danso says**

### **Brief Exposé on Christian conscience**

Another good manuscript of Dr. R C Sproul. It's a great read for every Christian who seeks to develop a mind grounded in biblical ethics.

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## **Logan says**

Solid book that should spur one to critically interact with how the Bible fleshes itself out in one's life. Sproul touches on several different aspects of a Christian conscience, while even touching on the varying degrees of sin. It's a brisk read that raises great questions but does not resolve itself well. Though, I suppose that's the trick of the Christian conscience: our convictions between one another will be different in varying degrees.

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## **AlegnaB † says**

4.5 -- The whole booklet was good, but the last chapter, "The Degrees of Sin," was especially good. I guess I think that because I've had to explain my beliefs on that very issue in a Sunday School class when someone said that all sins are equal and the others agreed with her. I was able to explain my agreement/disagreement with that statement in class fairly well, but it would have been good to be able to also recommend this free downloadable booklet as something the women could read for a better explanation.

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### **Isaac Butterworth says**

No name deserves greater trust in explaining the Christian faith than that of the late Dr. R. C. Sproul. This volume on developing a Christian conscience is brief but nonetheless thorough and clear. Drawing distinctions between ethics and morality, carefully explaining legalism and antinomianism, and highlighting the difference in severity of certain kinds of sin, Dr. Sproul lays a firm foundation for developing a Christian conscience. I recommend this book to anyone interested in a brief but clear treatment of Christian ethics. You will want to read further and more deeply, but this book will give you a sturdy frame on which you can begin building your understanding.

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### **Ryan Watkins says**

Very good. Most of the topics (guilt, legalism, antinomianism, degrees of sin) were covered in prior books from R.C. Sproul's Crucial Questions series *What Can I Do With My Guilt?* and *How Should I Live in this World?*. If you've read the aforementioned books you won't read much new here besides the parts about creation ordinances and conscience. Otherwise it is a very good.

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### **David DeFazio says**

#### **Conscience transformation better than conformity**

I love how Sproul challenges us to rethink the lens we view sin, the law, and our need to have our conscience shaped by the Holy Spirit through the word of God. The chapter on legalism was a good challenge for me to ask the Lord to search my heart and know my ways. In the end, I praise God for His grace is sufficient for a sinner desperate in need.

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### **C.H.E. Sadaphal says**

The bottom line: Clear, focused answers to the book's central question with many actionable nuggets.

Every human being has an awareness of God written on the conscience. Some embrace this awareness and are led to the truth. Others suppress this awareness and are led astray. In the latter case, following your conscious leads to a suppression of the truth and a subjective form of morality that is tainted by sin. In the former case, the human conscience is very important because it strives to turn away from evil and conform to the external objective truth of God. In *How can I develop a Christian conscience?*, R.C. Sproul clearly explains ... <http://www.chesadaphal.com/how-can-i-...>

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### **William says**

This is my least favorite book in Dr. Sproul's series so far. It does not actually answer the question its title poses. We get pictures of Christian character and missteps to avoid, but no practical advice. It's a good book; it just doesn't deliver on what it promises.

## Sean says

A really good summary. Sproul explains what we mean by a Christian conscience, how we work with it and also how it connects with our reading of Scripture. Simple. Clear. Enjoyable.

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