Handling Misunderstanding

1. Is your conscience clean? 1:12-14
   1. What is a Conscience?
      1. It is NOT the Holy Spirit
      2. It’s like a tool, or a teacher, or a tether
      3. It can be seared, or dulled, no longer sensitive
      4. It can be over-sensitive
      5. It must be educated by Scripture, enabled by the Holy Spirit, and maintained with all diligence
   2. Christian Conduct
      1. Keep a testimony of a clean conscience, 12
      2. Be simple, honest, not hiding
      3. Be sincere, pure, above criticism
      4. Avoid earthly wisdom
      5. Allow the grace of God to guide you
      6. Have confidence that God is at work in their life too, 13-14
2. Are you in line with Christ’s character? 1:15-22

MORE LIGHT, LESS HEAT

* 1. Explain yourself, 15-16
  2. Are all your actions grace driven? (2 Cor 8:1, 4, 6-7; 9:6-15)
  3. Are you using worldly wisdom? 17
  4. You are a reflection of Christ. What is He like?
     1. God is faithful, 18
     2. Jesus is the YES of God’s promises, 19-20
     3. God establishes you as His Holy Spirit anoints, seals, indwells, guarantees, 21-22

1. Do you desire the good of the other? 1:23 – 2:4

KIND CONFRONTATION

* 1. Remember, God sees it all, 23
  2. Spare the other person from unnecessary pain
  3. Don’t domineer, 24
  4. Work with them for their joy and faith
  5. Understand body life, mutuality, 2:1-2
  6. Check your motives, why and how are you confronting? 3
  7. Let them know your love, even if it costs you, 4

1. Questions
   1. Where do you struggle to keep a clear conscience?
   2. How does the character of Christ inform your thoughts and actions?
   3. How might you spare someone unnecessary pain while still confronting their sin?
   4. To whom can you demonstrate

Christian love so that they grow in

faith and joy through grace?