



## “Clear Conscience”

Vindication  
Genesis 31:33-42

*Requires a commitment to:*

### I. Inspection - “that they may judge betwixt us both ” (vs. 33-37)

*Seeing that I am:*

- A. **Transparent** - “And Laban searched all the tent”
- B. **Truthful** - “the custom of women is upon me”
- C. **Trustworthy** – “set it here before my...and thy brethren”

### II. Integrity - “This twenty years have I been with thee”(vs. 38-40)

*Striving to be:*

- A. **Ready** - “she goats have not cast their young”
- B. **Responsible** - “I bare the loss of it”
- C. **Resilient** - “sleep departed from my eyes”

### III. Inventory - “God hath seen” (vs. 41-42)

*Surveying the :*

- A. **Price** – “I served...fourteen years for thy two daughters”
- B. **Praise** – “Except the God of my father...been with me”
- C. **Providence** – “God hath seen...and rebuked thee”

## Sentence Sermon:

*“A clear conscience is essential for maintaining healthy relationships.”*

## Additional Verses

- *Acts 24:16*
- *Hebrews 13:20-22*
- *Hebrews 9:13-14; 10:19-22*
- *I Peter 3:16, 21*
- *I Timothy 1:18-19*
- *Romans 2:15; Romans 14:23*
- *I John 1:9*
- *Leviticus 6:2-5*
- *Jeremiah 15:19-21*
- *Numbers 5:6-7*
- *Psalms 32:5*
- *Matthew 5:23-24*
- *Titus 1:15*
- *I Corinthians 8:7*
- *Proverbs 20:27*

## Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage? Why do you think that?
3. What is the significance of listing the various places Laban searched?
4. How long do you think it took for Laban to do his thorough search?
5. What do you suppose Jacob was doing during the search?
6. Why was Jacob so mad after the search?
7. How would you explain the meaning of Jacob’s rhetoric in verse 37?
8. What accusations do you think Jacob is answering in verses 38-41?
9. What is your favorite line from Jacob in this story?
10. What point was Jacob making in verse 40?
11. What attributes of God can be seen in the language of verse 42?
12. How often do you consider how clear your conscience is?
13. What are some consequences of not maintaining a clear conscience?