

A man recently accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He would give thanks every morning and every night to his new found Savior. He understood who Jesus is, what the Messiah had done for him and why he did it. However, there was one problem: a friend of his didn't see any change in this man's life. Sure, the man was excited about his Savior, but there where was the turning from sin that was supposed to take place?

The friend spoke with this new believer about his sin. The friend showed the man how some of the things he was doing was sinful in the eyes of God and that he should surely turn away from them and toward Jesus. To the friend's surprise, the new believer responded with excuses of how the things he was doing were not really sin.

Often, we try to win someone over with argument on how something is sinful. We can speak persuasively and intellectually but the person may never change his mind. This is something important to understand. We can almost *never* change what someone *wants* to believe. However, showing someone why you believe it to be wrong and then telling the person to read God's Word to see what *God* has to say about it can be much more effective. Tell them to ask their conscience if what they are doing is wrong. Many times people will ignore their conscience to justify what they selfishly want to do. However, deep down they know what their conscience is telling them.

The truth is, the person always knew it was wrong and was simply deciding to neglect that fact. He was lying to himself. Once he comes to the realization of what his conscience tells him, God can work with him and allow him to make the change. Let us not try to win others over to Truth with argument. Rather, point others to their own consciences (and the Bible) and let the Holy Spirit do the rest of the work. No one will win an argument against their own conscience.