

EIGHT REASONS TO DEVELOP PERSONAL CONVICTIONS

1. Godly convictions _____ us.
They determine our reputation, financial worth, who we marry, family legacy, physical and mental health.
2. Godly convictions _____ us.
They are the boundaries which cause us to make good decisions.
3. Godly convictions _____ us.
They protect us from distractions and negative influences.
4. Godly convictions enable us to be godly _____.
Who has your hero been? Now, it's your turn.
5. Godly convictions empower us to _____.
Your source of approval is now your heavenly Father, not a person or group of people.
6. Godly convictions provide _____ for others to remain strong.
Your unwavering position will release confidence for others to do the same.
7. Godly convictions enable us to resist _____.
Instead of struggling to say "no," you've learned to say "yes" to what God loves.
8. Godly convictions create an opportunity for _____.
People notice you are different from the status quo and wonder why you live as you do.

Five Facts About Personal Convictions

- Strong beliefs that create who we become
- Can be positive or negative
- Differ among cultures and generations
- No one can give you theirs. You will be required to develop your own.
- Can change due to life experiences, maturity or additional information which causes a different perspective

Got Questions? Start Here

Find solutions for life's questions by first putting it into one of these four categories.

Biblical Conviction -- *What I Believe*

Truths within the Word of God which are eternally true. Essential. Indisputable.

Example: There is one God.

Biblical Beliefs -- *What I Think*

Debate-worthy theological topics which true believers disagree. Non-essential. Disputable.

Example: I believe creation occurred in six literal days.

Personal Conviction --- *What's Right For Me?*

A predetermined standard or behavioral boundaries regarding topics not clearly defined in the Bible, based on one's scriptural interpretation and personal willingness to live above reproach.

Non-essential. Disputable.

Example: I cannot sleep in a warm bed knowing that my neighbor's home was just flooded.

Personal Preference -- *What I Want*

My personal opinions and desires based on non-spiritual topics. Non-essential. Disputable.

Example: Men should remove their hats when they walk indoors.

Backbone Builders

- Love what God loves. Hate what God hates.
- I don't care who it separates me from or identifies me with... I'm going on with God!
- If you stand for something, you'll fall for anything.