





A SMALL STILL VOICE

James 4:2-3 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

Proverbs 4:20-23 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

LITTLE VOODENHEAD



The classic story of **Pinocchio** was written in 1883 by the 19th century Italian author Carlo Collodi. Some of you might recall that this story was made into a popular animated film in 1940 by Walt Disney.



"In these days of world tensions, when the faith of men is being tested as never before, I am personally thankful that my parents taught me at a very early age to have a strong personal belief and reliance in the power of prayer for Divine inspiration..."

"Deeds rather than words express my concept of the part religion should play in everyday life. I have watched constantly that in our movie work the highest moral and spiritual standards are upheld, whether it deals with fable or with stories of living action." **"Both my study of Scripture** and my career in entertaining children have taught me to cherish them. But I don't believe in playing down to children, either in life or in motion pictures. I didn't treat my own youngsters like fragile flowers, and I think no parent should.""



"Children are people, and they should have to reach to learn about things, to understand things, just as adults have to reach if they want to grow in mental stature. Life is composed of lights and shadows, and we would be untruthful, insincere, and saccharine if we tried to pretend there were no shadows. Most things are good, and they are the strongest things; but there are evil things too, and you are not doing a child a favor by trying to shield him from reality. The important thing is to teach a child that good can always triumph over evil, and that is what our pictures attempt to do." - Walt Disney 7

Early in his adventures Pinocchio meets an important friend who will accompany him through life and provide him with wise counsel and guidance.

In the 1883 Italian original Collodi calls this wise voice the grillo parlante ("talking cricket"). He was renamed in the Disney film as "Jiminy Cricket".

Many authors claim that the initials of Jiminy Cricket are a veiled reference to Jesus Christ (the initials "JC").

> So Jiminy Cricket was coined as an alternative 'euphemistic expletive' for that other JC but Disney turned it around and made Jiminy Cricket to represent the conscience of the Collodi story's main character.

The Blue Fairy tells the Cricket: I dub you Pinocchio's conscience, lord high <u>keeper of the knowledge of right and wrong</u>, <u>counselor in moments of high temptation, and guide along</u> <u>the straight and narrow path</u>. Arise, Sir Jiminy Cricket.

Then the old raggedy cricket becomes RENEWED!



The SPIRIT INTERACTS WITH THE CONSCIENCE





GENERAL REVELATION TO THE CONSCIENCE

John 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Romans 1:18-21 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without **excuse:** Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

GENERAL REVELATION TO THE CONSCIENCE

Genesis 3:7-8 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife **hid themselves** from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

1 Samuel 24:5-6 And it came to pass afterward, that **David's heart smote him**, because he had cut off Saul's skirt. And he said unto his men, The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the LORD'S anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he *is* the anointed of the LORD.

Romans 2:14-15 For when the Gentiles, which have <u>not</u> the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, <u>are a law</u> <u>unto themselves</u>: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, <u>their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts</u> the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

<u>Lampwick</u>: [*picks up Jiminy*] Hey, who's the beetle?

<u>Jiminy Cricket</u>: Let go! Put me down! <u>Pinocchio</u>: **He's my conscience. He tells me what's right and wrong.** <u>Lampwick</u>: What? You mean to tell me you take orders from a grasshopper?





<u>Jiminy Cricket</u>: Grasshopper? Look here, you - you impudent young pup! It wouldn't hurt you to take orders from your grasshop - er, **your conscience**, if you have one!



THE CONSCIENCE DEFILED

Titus 1:15-16 Unto the pure all things *are* pure: but unto them that are **defiled and unbelieving** *is* nothing pure; but **even their mind and conscience is defiled.** They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Matthew 15:18-19 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth **from the heart**; and **they defile** the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:



THE CONSCIENCE SEARED

1 Timothy 4:1-2 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their **conscience seared** with a hot iron;

Hebrews 6:4-6 For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame.



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1 Kings 19:9-12 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.



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1 Kings 19:13-16 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.



SPIRITS LEADING

Acts 11:11-12 And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me. And the spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

Acts 16:6-10 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas. And <u>a vision</u> appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.



SPIRITS LEADING

Mark 1:12 And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness.

Acts 8:29-30 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

Acts 18:5 And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was **pressed in the spirit**, and testified to the Jews *that* Jesus *was* Christ.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 <u>Quench not the Spirit</u>. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.



GOOD CONSCIENCE

1 Timothy 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and *of* a **good conscience**, and *of* faith unfeigned:

1 Timothy 1:19 Holding faith, and a **good conscience**; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

2 Timothy 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve from *my* forefathers with **pure conscience**, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

Hebrews 9:9 Which *was* a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service **perfect**, as pertaining to the conscience;

Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?



GOOD CONSCIENCE

Acts 24:16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and *toward* men.

Hebrews 13:18 Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

1 Peter 3:16-17 Having a **good conscience**; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. For *it is* better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

1 Peter 3:21 The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a **good conscience** toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:



SPIRIT TO THE CONSCIENCE – THE SHEEP HEAR HIS VOICE

1 Peter 2:19-25 For this *is* thankworthy, **if a man for conscience** toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer *for it*, ye take it patiently, this *is* acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his **mouth:** Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. 23



SPIRIT TO THE CONSCIENCE – THE SHEEP HEAR HIS VOICE

Psalms 51:1-7 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 24



SPIRIT TO THE CONSCIENCE – THE SHEEP HEAR HIS VOICE

Psalms 51:8-17 Make me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give *it*: thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

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Pinocchio follows 'his conscience's' advice, repents, does good and returns to Geppetto, his creator, where he is given a heart of flesh and is freed from his strings. 27 LISTEN UP Part2 by Kenneth Hoeck

THANK YOU. MAY YOU ALWAYS HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR GOD'S WORD



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