

The Plumbline

Scriptures to use for Searching your Soul

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Amo 7:7 Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall [made] by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

How is it with your soul?

Jesus never gave options. The prophets of the Lord God Almighty never said, “maybe.” It is said of Jesus in the New Testament that He spoke as one having authority. The prophets of God in Christ Jesus speak with authority, the authority of Jesus Christ that is for ALL of the Body of Christ.

They speak to the Body of Christ the word the Lord Jesus gives, an encouraging word to build up the Body, to edify the Body of which they themselves are a part. None of us are called to tear down the Body of Christ.

Plumbline: Ephesians 4.1-6

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

[There is] one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

One God and Father of all, who [is] above all, and through all, and in you all.

Perhaps there needs to be some soul searching as King David prayed:

Psa 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

Psa 139:24 And see if [there be any] wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

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Rom 10:17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

October, 2009, I received a call from a brother in the Lord regarding my property in the desert that is for sale (on behalf of a friend of his that is interested in it). This person called someone else earlier who owned a place of eating in the desert at that time. She told the caller that my colleague and I are seeking to continue serving the Lord and that I am wanting to sell my property.

I told the caller I am praying about the selling of the house and the ministry to which I believe my colleague and I are called. His response was that it is a matter of 1) prayer 2) inward conviction and 3) outward circumstances. He began encouraging me and said that he knew that I had taught Bible in college but did not know that I played the accordion and sang or even had a music background. He said that the lady in the desert told him that I wanted to serve the Lord along with my friend and colleague. He said that it was good that I/we wanted to do something for the Lord for the years that we have left.

We have been praying for the Lord to use us that we might minister and encourage the Body of Christ. He said that was good and we ought to do it. He said that when you make yourself available to serve the Lord, He will use you.

This call was not so much about the property as it was about a confirmation of the call of the Lord to this ministry to which we believe the Lord has called us: 1) It is a witness in our spirits 2) This call came because of the lady who also believes the call upon our lives is from the Lord. The word was uplifting that came from these two. 3) This was an encouraging word to the body of Christ, to us in the ministry to which the Lord has called us. There was no nay saying, no word of worry about tomorrow and where I might live remembering I am getting older... This is a gift from the Lord confirming the Lord's call upon us and the ministry to which we are called.

We may speak the word the Lord wants of us without knowing that we have encouraged one of the brethren – when we are walking in the Lord, His Word daily and listening to Him. I believe these two were obedient unto the Lord – perhaps without even knowing what they were saying and knowing that the Lord was using them. Let us rejoice when God's hand is upon another for His glory.

Psa 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.