

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?

How can we say we love the brethren, the Body of Christ, when we talk and walk against the members. Members do not realize that to speak against any member of the Body of Christ is to speak against the Lord Jesus Christ, Himself. The member of the Body of Christ speaking against another is speaking against himself as well - and those listening are participating. Remember how that the people thought they were coming against Samuel, but God said to Samuel, they are rejecting Me (I Samuel 8.7).

When someone begins speaking against another member of the Body of Christ, we need to **interrupt** immediately and say, Let's pray. Let us then begin asking forgiveness for the gossip and, then, let us pray for ourselves as well as praying for the person of whom evil is spoken.

Plumbline: Ephesians 4.29, 30, 31, 32

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you

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.

How many times have you been discouraged, felt downtrodden, your soul cast down to the point of feeling death? Someone comes to you giving you a Word of the Lord and prays with you – believing in you and what the Lord is doing in you. Your soul is lifted in response to the Lord touching your life through this person(s).

The naysayers are those who stand in need of prayer themselves. Let us be as Stephen who was stoned by the “religious” ones who felt they had the *true words* of God – when he prayed, Father, forgive them (Acts 7.60).

The calling that is upon our lives is to “Proclaim the Gospel,” building up the Body of Christ, discipling, edifying, encouraging, preaching and teaching, worshiping the Lord and living for the Lord daily .

This is done as we preach and teach, as we write messages, as we are in worship. This is done with our lives to include our thoughts, our communication, our actions to include alms as well as standing in the pulpit. This is done by the love that we have one for another in the Body of Christ. This is done as we grocery shop and speak of the Lord Jesus Christ as He leads by His Holy Spirit. This is done as we have our vehicles worked on. This is done in the home, in our private life that we think no one else sees or knows about. This is done when at home, when away from home, when lying down, and when we rise (Deut 6.4-9). A chorus says it well:

He poured in the oil and the wine,
the kind that restoreth my soul.

He found me bleeding and dying on the Jericho Road,
And He poured in the oil and the wine.

We are called to be Bread to others that they shall feast upon the Lord to be strengthened in their walk with the Lord, in their knowledge of Jesus Christ – and – ALL FOR THE GLORY OF THE LORD JESUS. (In the Hebrew language of the O.T., **יְדָעָה** is an intimate experience with the Lord, a deep and abiding knowledge of the Lord, His presence in us.)

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