

# 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?

There is a command from the Lord that is very difficult for most of us most of the time. It is the Lord's will that we give thanks in everything, including suffering and persecutions.

Satan knows that if he can discourage us from giving thanks, praising and worshiping the Lord, he can defeat us. We may not recognize our defeat, and we may continue struggling in serving the Lord – but without the power of the Holy Spirit functioning in and through us.

Our walk, even in suffering, is to be one of joy in the Lord, a relationship with Him out of His love for us. He desires the very best for us and calls us to walk with Him in His peace and joy and love.

The Apostles rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer for the Lord (Acts 5.41). Our rejoicing, our thankfulness, gives us strength to serve Jesus with the power of the Holy Spirit. But the joy in suffering is in bringing the lost to Jesus and perhaps bringing home one who has gone astray.

Jesus, Who knew no sin, suffered to save the sinner. Can we not give thanks when we, in turn, suffer for Jesus?

### Plumbline: I Thessalonians 5.18

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning 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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*Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31)*

# Walking in the Light

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

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, remember Paul's words in II Corinthians 4.1-14 – and walk on in Jesus with the joy of the Lord in all things as we continue praying one for another, the Body of Christ Jesus.

Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commanding ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to [give] the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

[We are] troubled on every side, yet not distressed; [we are] perplexed, but not in despair;

Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present [us] with you.

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