

The Plumbline

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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 much kingdom building today by those who consider themselves to be great leaders in the “church(es).” I fear they are building their own kingdoms at the expense of people’s souls – perhaps much like the Pharisees in Matthew 23. Often people say to us, I don’t go to church because church just is not church anymore. It is not like they knew it when the Gospel of Jesus was being preached: the plan of salvation, repentance for our sins, the Blood of the Lamb given for our souls, taking up our cross and following Jesus on *The Way* of the Cross. The body of Christ does not function when the “church(es)” is not functioning as the Church.

The Word of God gives us direction when others are choosing to go with “another gospel,” as Paul spoke of in the Bible. In fact, this is a command.

Plumbline: Matthew 6.33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto 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)

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

Read I Corinthians 12 slowly and carefully seeking what the Lord has to say to you as a member of the body of Christ. We invite you to read I Corinthians 12 and 13 each day for a week asking the Holy Spirit to touch your life for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

For the body is not one member, but many.

If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

If the whole body [were] an eye, where [were] the hearing? If the whole [were] hearing, where [were] the smelling?

But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

And if they were all one member, where [were] the body?

But now [are they] many members, yet but one body.

And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

And those [members] of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely [parts] have more abundant comeliness.

For our comely [parts] have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that [part] which lacked:

That there should be no schism in the body; but [that] the members should have the same care one for another.

And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. (I Cor 12.14-26)

How precious that we are privileged with the calling to reach out to the body of Christ to encourage them as well as lead others to the Lord Jesus during these three years that we have ministered together – in the Name of Jesus Christ for His glory! It has been a daily walk all through each of our lives and continues into the ministry to which we are called in our waning years. Praise the Lord!

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