

# The Plumbline

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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?

**T**he body of Christ is hurting. There is a lot of emphasis on individualism and feel good theology which causes people to center on themselves and become oblivious to the needs of others. This does not provide building material to strengthen the body of Christ – either personally or corporately. Paul is clear on the body of Christ and how we are to live as one in Jesus Christ in I Corinthians 12.24-27. Read this and re-read this with your heart and soul.

We can **Build the Temple** only when we glorify God in our body and spirit – which are God's.

### Plumbline: I Corinthians 6.19-20:

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: **therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**

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.

Mighty is the body of Christ coming together to lift one another, to encourage one another, to worship the Lord Jesus Christ together, being accountable unto the Lord – submitting ourselves one to another in the fear of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord has blessed us with those who love the Lord Jesus Christ, who pray for us, who send encouraging words to us, who care about the ministry of the Lord. We pray for each of you and want to encourage you as you serve the Lord Jesus also. We are encouraged when we receive prayer requests and are privileged to pray with you.

We have a responsibility to each other in building the temple of the Lord. When God sent His prophets, Haggai and Zechariah, to stir the people with the Word of the Lord, the people began to build "... and with them were the prophets of God helping them (Ezra 5.1, 2).

Read Colossians 3.12-17; this is part of building the temple, especially verse 16:

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Ephesians 5.18-21 is also part of the building of the temple.

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

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