

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?

Heople understand love as “getting” what they want from someone else – all too often. It is a selfish way of life without Jesus Christ. I have often told young couples coming to me desiring to get married that one cannot know love without **knowing** Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Jesus gave His all for you and me. What – what have you and I given Him? He requires, demands, our life, our all. There is no greater joy than to give to others. One cannot out-give the Lord Jesus Christ. The love of God in Christ Jesus is a love that is given that we might live for Him moment by moment and experience His glory. The plumbline is for the followers of Jesus Christ today.

The Plumbline: Deuteronomy 10.12, 13

And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

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.

Romans Eight says well what it is to **know** Jesus, to **know** HIM intimately. It is to be led by the Holy Spirit. Being led by the Holy Spirit is a way of life, not a Sunday-go-to-meeting apparel that one puts on for an hour – or less. Take time to read Romans Eight; this is **knowing Jesus!**

If we are led by the Holy Spirit, we will walk in newness of life; we will walk in the holiness and righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. We will not talk like the world, nor will we look like the world. Our hearts will be turned to the Lord Jesus Christ; and we will desire with desire to **know** HIM, to experience His glory moment by moment – as a way of life.

We will **know** HIM each step of *The Way* – if we are walking with HIM. It is **knowing** him when we lie down, when we rise, when we are at home, when we are away from home. It is **knowing** Him when the world, when Satan, opposes us and endeavors to get people on his bandwagon, as many as he can, to bring us down, to distract us from serving the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is **knowing** HIM (Jesus Christ) as we do what some might consider to be the most menial task. I am reminded that *Brother Lawrence*, of whom it has been written, was aware of the presence of the Lord in all that he did; he endeavored to be aware and acknowledge the Lord in His life at all times.

I have heard some say, “Oh, you don’t understand; there is my real life, my work, and there is my church life.” I say to you, there is but one way and one life. It is walking in the Spirit at all times, endeavoring to walk with the Lord Jesus Christ at all times, rejoicing that He is with you (if you are following Him) in everything.

Jesus knows your heartaches; He knows your discouragements; He knows you and is knocking at your heart’s door seeking you to come to **know** Him – though there are troublesome times – and through all that lies before us at this point in time.

Knowing Jesus is to love HIM with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might, through the good times and through the bad times – at all times.

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