

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 long since you stood immovable in the Lord Jesus Christ? How long since you spent time in the Word of the Lord? How long since you were “abounding in the work of the Lord”?

Many respond – but, **I am** a minister, **I am** a church-goer on Sundays, **I am** . . . This is not what is being asked. Read the questions again. They are about the Lord Jesus Christ. Telling what **you are** is not being centered on Jesus Christ; it is not being unmoveable in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Again, How long since you stood unmoveable in the Lord Jesus Christ? How long since you spent time in the Word of the Lord? How long since you were abounding in the work of the Lord, in winning souls to Jesus?

The Plumbline: I Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

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.

What is meant by standing steadfast? Someone says to you, “**Stand steadfast** in the Word of the Lord;” what do you do? The Hebrew word from which the English was translated from The Book of Ruth means “to be strong, alert, courageous, brave, stout, bold, solid, hard” (Ruth 1.18). The Hebrew word from which the English was translated from the Book of Daniel in reference to the Lord God Almighty means “secure, enduring” (Dan 6.26). (BDB)

We are called to **stand steadfast** in the Lord God, in His Holy Word, with our lives – daily. **Standing steadfast** in the Lord God is a way of life, a life lived in Jesus Christ according to His commands in His Holy Word.

In The Book of Acts, the word *stedfast* in the Greek (Thayer) from which the English was translated (Acts 2.42) means

- 1) to adhere to one, be his adherent, to be devoted or constant to one
- 2) to be steadfastly attentive unto, to give unremitting care to a thing
- 3) to continue all the time in a place
- 4) to persevere and not to faint
- 5) to show one's self courageous for
- 6) to be in constant readiness for one, wait on constantly

The usage of *stedfast* in the plumbline with the word unmoveable is repetitive making it clear there is to be no wavering when walking with the Lord Jesus. We are always to be abounding in the work of the Lord Jesus.

When we have the Word of the Lord hidden in us, it is then that we can adhere to the Lord and His commands. We are to continue all the time in Jesus Christ. We are to be in constant readiness for Jesus and to wait on Him at all times. This is the life of joy and peace forevermore! Amen!

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