

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?

Satan is alive and as sick as ever. Satan will use whom he will, whoever leaves a foothold and allows him to bring discord in the body of Christ; whoever is in a weak moment; whoever has a need for power; whoever needs to be exalted over another; whoever holds greed dear in his heart; whoever holds a grudge . . . This includes those like the priest, Amaziah, in the Book of Amos, the Pharisees and scribes, leaders in the churches, and church goers – those whose hearts are not right with God.

Beware when all is going well for you. When you stand on the Word of the Lord for the glory of the Lord, Satan has someone ready to do battle with you. Expect conflict of spirits!

Plumbline: I Peter 5.8, 9

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

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.

How many times have you heard, “Why can you not get it? Everyone else does.” Never is it mentioned that there just might be someone else who does not “get it,” that you are not standing alone when you take a stand for Jesus Christ.

How many times have you heard, “Jesus loves ev-v-v-ryone; He understands.” Satan has an ungodly counterfeit for the Biblical understanding of the Love of God in Christ Jesus, a love that cost Jesus, a love in which He laid down His life for all who repent of their sins, surrender their will to Him, and live for Him daily. Jesus has a plumbline (Amos 8.7-8); there is but one way, and it is HIS way if you want to spend eternity with Jesus. His love requires holiness, a walk in the righteousness of Christ.

How many times have you heard, “Do not judge.” Never is it mentioned that we are to be fruit pickers. Matthew 12.33 is not mentioned: ‘Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by /his/ fruit.”

These are just a few tactics Satan uses – many times through friends, relatives, church leaders, government . . . when you do not do what they want you to do, when you do not think their thoughts, when you choose to believe the Word of the Lord Jesus Christ instead of their teachings.

We are called to take a stand regardless of conflict of spirits.

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of [this] life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier (II Tim 2.1-4).

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