

# 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?

It is time we realize that a hunger for more and more of Jesus will lead us to be in the Word of the Lord, in Jesus Christ – the Living Word, as well as the written Word, that we might live a holy life unto the Lord. Not only are we to live a life of holiness unto the Lord, but we are to speak forth the Truth of God in Christ Jesus and rebuke with all authority. We must be able to speak forth the truth and exhort and rebuke with all authority, knowing from Whom our authority comes – caring not what man may say. Our eyes are to be upon the Lord Jesus Christ, walking with Him (Tit 2.11-14).

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

### Plumbline: Titus 2.15

These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

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.

Is there a hunger deep within you to know God intimately, to experience His presence in a greater measure, to be among those who are set-apart and used in ministry in the body of Christ?

God knows the cry of your heart. In fact, I believe God put that longing there, and He knows those who will seek and find the “top of the mountain,” the fulfillment of that longing. Paul wrote in Romans 8:29:

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate [to be] conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

He calls us to abide in Him that others may see the image of the Son of God in us. Stephen, “full of faith and power,” was used mightily of God in miracles and in preaching the Word – so much so that those in opposition “were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake” (Act 6.8, 10).

Read what happened when Stephen was brought before the council to answer the accusations of false witnesses:

And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel (Acts 6.15).

Not only did the glory of the Lord shine on Stephen’s face, but he “saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God” as the enraged crowd prepared to stone him (Acts 7.55).

When we are living for Jesus with our lives as well as our words, it is then that we can have the power and authority of Jesus Christ operating by the Holy Spirit in accordance with the commission given in Mark 16.15-18.

Let us be careful to keep our hearts and lives holy according to the Word of God and know that our relationship with Jesus is such that we can speak in His name.

I pray that I might be among the remnant who are called and set-apart to experience the power and authority of Christ Jesus in these last days – to walk with Jesus in confidence and complete trust – come what may.

If the Lord is stirring your heart, I encourage you to respond to that calling, surrendering your all to the Lord; seek to know Jesus – to really know Him.

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