

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?

People of God in Christ Jesus, let us come together as the body of Christ.

Let us come together in the unity of the Holy Spirit, praying one for another, seeking the will of the Lord (Ep 4.3, 13; Ja 5.16). It is difficult at times to hear the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ when we are in great pain. The Psalmist wrote, “Be still and know that I am God” (Ps 46.10). Also in the Holy Word of the Lord is “Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but [rather] give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance /is/ mine; I will repay, saith the Lord” (Rom 12.19). How hard it is to let go of all that is in us that is not of the Lord and to ask Him to cleanse us and make us vessels for His glory – even as we walk the *Via Dolorosa*!

Plumbline: Matthew 5.44

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.

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 do we “Lift High the Standard”? It is a daily walk with the Lord. There are those whose lives go so wrong, and they make an issue out of something that does not exist. They begin fighting and retaliating; chaos ensues beyond knowing. Then, there are the few such as the family whose loved one was violated. The family was interviewed and chose to talk about the Lord, that He has not called them to retaliate, but to forgive. They were a powerful witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. I am sure there are others who are like this family, giving witness to the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us pray one for another in these times. Prayer for others is also a way to “Lift High the Standard.”

Some take things out of context when things go wrong and refuse to take responsibility for how the situation was initiated, wanting to focus on the end result – giving blame to others.

Let us look at our lives in light of the teachings of the Holy Bible to see wherein we have erred, wherein we have sinned, then seek the face of the Lord in light of the teachings of the Word.

I recall situations where I could have made a decision to go against “others” with the result being I would have profited. But, it would not have profited the Kingdom of God in Christ Jesus. My late husband always said, even in the time of his going home to be with the Lord Jesus Christ in Heaven, “The Lord is still in control regardless what happens.”

As we go through this life, the enemy, Satan, will always put in front of us, “That is not fair. That is not just.” He then tries to convince us that our anger is “righteous anger,” when **it is not**. Are we angered over the Lord being defiled – as we should be? That is being angry without sin. However, we are too often angry over a lot of things in our lives and displace it to situations where it looks okay to be angry.

Seek the Lord God in prayer, listening prayer and read the Bible in context to know the will of the Lord in your life. Then walk in obedience to Jesus Christ. The Lord will give you the strength in the midst of great pain to do what He calls you to do. He says, “My grace is sufficient . . .” (II Cor 12.9).

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