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Scriptures to use for Searching your Soul

Edifying the Body of Christ (*Eph. 4.10-16*)

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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?

John Wesley of the 18th Century said, “The world is my parish.” He understood serving the Lord was wherever he was. He understood preaching is first with the life lived for the Lord Jesus Christ – and that his pulpit was wherever he was telling others about the Lord Jesus Christ.

St. Francis of Assisi of the 13th Century said, “Preach always, and, if necessary, use words.”

There are those all through history, to include the Primitive Church, who understood that each is called to ministry, to serve the Lord – wherever they are and whatever they are doing. Paul preached in the synagogues and taught, yes, but, he was a tentmaker; and I believe he also preached and taught Christ Jesus at his work – as well as witnessed. I think of Tabitha/Dorcas (Acts 9.36ff) who was a witness as she reached out to those in need (Acts 9.39). We are continually to give ourselves to the ministry to which we are called within the body of Christ.

Plumbline: II Timothy 4.5

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions . . . make full proof of thy ministry.

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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Co-laborers together for Jesus Christ

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.

When Christ's Holy Church is alive and serving Him under His Lordship, there is life flowing through each member, as well as through the body of Christ as a whole, that brings life to others in the Name of Jesus.

Our ministry is first in the home from where the Word goes forth as each goes to their place of service unto the Lord at work, school, travels . . . It is as the Word of the Lord is taught and lived in the home by the husband and wife that children come to experience the Lord Jesus Christ in their lives and go forth teaching their playmates about Jesus as they live for the Lord at school and play (Dt 6.4-9).

It is also as the husband and wife go forth to their work places that they continue living out the Word and sharing Jesus Christ as the opportunities arise, as He puts before them those with whom He wants them to share the Word. It is in the life lived for Jesus Christ, viewed by the neighbors and others, as we are on our way, that we are strengthened and the Lord is glorified.

The Church is to be the instrument of re-enforcing the Word of the Lord that is taught and lived in the home.

How glorious it is when the body is working together under the Lordship of Jesus Christ! How wonderful when the body of Christ is edifying one another in the Lord (Eph 4.11-29; I Thess 5.11; I Ti 1.4).

There are many who are, for example, using the *Message* in their churches, making it available to those attending Bible studies; it is also made available in work places, in nursing homes for the residents and their families as well as for the employees – as well as many other ministry possibilities to include family, friends, neighbors and . . .

The Lord calls each one to serve Him in their lives.

Seek His face and what He wants of you in His service.

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