

The Plumbline

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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?

Notice in Exodus 33.11 we are told that God spoke face to face with Moses as a man speaks unto his friend, one who is a fellow citizen, one who has a close relationship. I am also reminded of the Lord who spoke to Abraham as to a friend in Genesis 18. True friends speak truth in love and walk together in the Lord. This is faithfulness when there is integrity in that relationship with the Lord – walking in obedience to Him. John's Gospel makes it clear what faithfulness is (Jn 15.13, 14).

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Notice verse 14, Ye are my friends, **IF** ye do whatsoever **I command you**. This is not – uh – would you – uh consider doing. The Lord Jesus Christ commands us to live a life of obedience unto Him.

Plumbline: Revelation 2.10, 11

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast [some] of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

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.

How many times have we thought we had someone who was more than friendly, who was a friend – only to realize they were not a friend, but just someone in your life occasionally at their need – and, at their convenience? There is an old saying, "A friend in need is a friend indeed." The world has changed drastically and continues changing – but, not for the better.

How many are living with people that may be biological family, but are not family. Each comes and goes at their own schedule – not caring about anyone else. They are happy in their own life and care not for another person other than what they may gain from them.

Scripture makes it clear that you cannot serve God and mammon, but it also is clear that you cannot be a friend of the world and God in Christ Jesus. The world has too long, and the churches have taught, that you can walk with the world during the week, go to church on Sunday and have both in your life, be a part of both. Well, yes, in the light of which it is taught – you can.

But the Word of God is not talking about the worldly churches. There is a difference. The Word says, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses" meaning those who are faithless toward God, those who are ungodly.

How can we ask God Who is faithful to be faithful unto you, if – if you are not faithful unto Him with your whole heart?

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume [it] upon your lusts.

Ye adulterers and adulteresses know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God (Jam 4.3, 4).

Seek the Lord with all your heart and live for Him in faithfulness day by day, moment by moment in all you do and think.

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