

The Plumbline

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?

Let us grow in the Lord so we can be a part of the fellowship in the Lord that edifies the body of Christ. These are days in which we need encouragement as we walk with the Lord. As I write this, there is much going on in the world to cause great pain in our families and friends, those who are members of Christ's Holy Church. We each need to be encouraged, not flattered. Encouragement, edifying, the body of Christ means speaking the Truth of the Lord to help one another to walk on the straight and narrow road that leads to eternal life in Christ, both now here on earth and when we depart to be with the Lord in heaven.

Pray that the Lord will give each of us a deep hunger for more of Him, an insatiable hunger for Him and His Holy Word. Pray that the Lord will give each of us a hunger to come together as they did in Acts Two. Powerful is the Word.

And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all [men], as every man had need.

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2.44-47).

Plumbline: I Thessalonians 5.11

Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

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.

I am reminded of those whose hearts and lives were joined with the body of Christ in the Book of Acts. There were those whose hearts were lifted up by the reading of the Holy Word of God, by the fellowship (**κοινωνία**) in the Word of the Lord and the breaking of bread together.

Few have read this passage and even fewer understand, know, what fellowship in the Lord is. I recall a Bible study that Deaconess Lowery and I had in our home, and two people interrupted the study saying they came to fellowship as the Holy Spirit teaches them and then they teach us. They just came for fellowship with the following conversation taking over about hot dogs and buns and . . .

I dismissed that group as some of us came for a time together in the Word, to lay ourselves before the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bible teaches that we are to edify the body of Christ.

Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another (Rom 14.19).

Edify is to build up the body with Truth, the Truth of the Lord God Almighty. It is to be built up in the Lord. It is promoting growth in Christian wisdom, piety, holiness, obedience unto the Lord God.

Too many believe that edifying the body is to flourish people with words of how good they are, and how wonderful they are doing. The Lord God made it clear to the false prophets who spoke falsely to the people. Know that the Lord does not send the false prophets, shepherds, pastors or any one who is not living in the will of the Lord.

Seek the Lord daily in the Word of the Lord and walk with Him. All that we do must be for the Lord and for His glory.

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