

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?

Speaking together is that we might be strengthened in our daily walk with the Lord, that we might encourage one another, edify the body of Christ for the work that lies before us to which the Lord Jesus Christ has called us as His body. But first, it is that we might be strengthened to live the life to which we are personally called, to walk with the Lord in obedience to His call, to be able to hear His voice, and know Him and be filled with the fullness of our Lord and Savior.

Unity must be in Christ Jesus and Him alone. We must, as the body of Christ, come together in the unity of faith and the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Coming together is for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ (Eph 4.12-14). It is that we might go forth proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Plumbline: Acts 1.8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

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.

Many, with whom we have shared the Word of God in edifying the body of Christ, as well as leading people to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, are not aware that they are in ministry. We find that people are surprised to hear the question, "Do you know that you are in ministry – if you have surrendered your life to Jesus?" The body of Christ has many parts as is given in Ephesians Four and I Corinthians 12 - as well as in other places in the Bible.

Pastors, evangelists, deacons and others are a part of the body of Christ, but so are you in your daily work to which the Lord has called you to serve Him. You are also in ministry to your family - and called to reach out to a hungry world, a world who needs Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

We need to be strengthened by coming together as the body of Christ that we can go forth in power given us by the Holy Spirit, but we need the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, as we walk with the Lord daily, to be strengthened to witness at work, at home, in the community, wherever we are that we will not be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Rom 10.11; II Tim 2.15).

Yet if [any man suffer] as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. (I Pe 4:16)

The Lord said in His Holy Word that we are to take up our cross and follow Him. You may find your daily work, and maybe the work place where you are most challenging, discouraging at times, but seek the Lord, asking Him what He wants of you. Ask Him what He wants of you in your daily work, what He wants of you with family and friends. Ask Him for the anointing of the Holy Spirit as you encourage, edify, those who know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior where you work as well as with your family.

Continue "speaking to yourselves" with those with whom you work as well as where you come aside to worship in Psalms, Hymns and making melody.

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