

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?

We, as the body of Christ Jesus, must go forth seeking "first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness." It is in this act that we will know the will of the Lord God in our personal lives and be able to accomplish that to which we are called. It will be with the joy of the Lord that we will be able to share the love of God in Christ Jesus, that we will be able to lead other to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Seeking first the Kingdom of God helps us to know the will of the Lord, will give to us the peace of the Lord, knowing a life of joy in knowing that our lives are important to the Lord, knowing that He cares about us, knowing that He has His hand upon us, for His Kingdom and for our good.

Let us not run from that to which we are called, submitting one to another. We cannot stand alone; we are called to stand together, and submit to one another in the fear of the Lord that we might better serve the Lord and our neighbor. This is love – when we love the Lord and His body.

Plumbline: Ephesians 5.19-21

Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. .

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.

We fail to understand the body in general, I fear, as we look at the body of Christ. There are some who know first hand what it is like not to have the complete body and have to function without the body parts functioning together. There are many reasons for this occurrence where a person loses the facility of a specific part of the body, such as a leg, arm, voice . . . They can explain to you how that as they once walked with their once healthy body, they may have, not thinking, taken for granted they would always run and play – never giving thanks for the parts of their body that enabled them to accomplish what they wanted in life at that time.

My point is that each member of the body is important. It is the body of Christ working together that makes it possible for each member to do the work to which they have been called. But, it is also each member working together that the body of Christ goes forth accomplishing the will of the Lord for His glory.

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether [we be] Jews or Gentiles, whether [we be] bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

For the body is not one member, but many.

If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

If the whole body [were] an eye, where [were] the hearing? If the whole [were] hearing, where [were] the smelling?

But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

And if they were all one member, where [were] the body?

But now [are they] many members, yet but one body.

And the eye cannot say unto the hand, **I have no need of thee**: nor again the head to the feet, **I have no need of you** (I Co 12.13-21).

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