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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?

Many scriptures come before us commanding us to rejoice in the Lord; and, yet, I have to ask myself, why should I have to be commanded to rejoice in the Lord? Why does my heart not beat with joy as I read of the Lord's love for me – for you; why are we so turned inward, looking down – instead of looking unto Jesus Christ.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [our] faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God (Heb 12.1, 2).

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### Plumbline: I Thessalonians 5.18; Philippians 4.4

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Rejoice in the Lord alway: [and] again I say, Rejoice.

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)*

# Walking in the Light

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Rom 10:17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Many people today are "caught up" in worldly music and words in their singing in the churches because it *feels* good to them. They like the loudness, the beat, and . . . but it is not worship.

Worship is a daily way of life; it is living for the Lord Jesus Christ. Worship is rejoicing in the Lord and what He has done for us in His death on the Cross of Calvary. It can be stated that rejoicing is worship, a way of life daily.

Giving thanks to the Lord God is to rejoice in the Lord by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. It is knowing His righteousness, His peace, and His joy, ". . . joy in the Holy Ghost" (Rom 14.17).

Rom 12:12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

Rom 12:13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

Rom 12:14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

Living for Jesus brings sorrow, yet joy rises above the sorrow when we are serving the Lord Jesus Christ. The Psalmist teaches us that "...weeping may endure for a night, but joy [cometh] in the morning" (Ps 30.5).

We read of the apostles in Acts 5 the persecution that was upon them and has been upon the people of the Lord all through the centuries; and, yet, we read and hear of the Persecuted Church continuing to rejoice in the Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus – despite the persecution.

Act 5:40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten [them], they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

Act 5:41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

Act 5:42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Take time to read Peter's sermon in Acts Two, but also read of those in Acts 2.41-47 and how they rejoiced in the Lord Jesus Christ as they "continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." They were strengthened as the "Rejoiced Evermore" in Christ Jesus.

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