

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?

How many times do we extinguish the fire that burns within us, that calls us to greater heights in the Lord, that calls us to step out in faith in something the Lord wants of us.

I once knew of a pastor that "had made it," I am told in the pastorate, good size church, etc., who left the pastorate to go to a ministry that would cause most of us to ask, **WHY? WHAT IS WRONG WITH HIS THINKING?** Why would he do something like that and – and take his family to a place like that. That is no place to take a family and certainly not appropriate to be a good provider for his family!

Oh, he understood the call of God on his life and prayed much about the decision and chose to obey, chose to "Quench not the Spirit." God blessed his ministry in the place where he went as the Lord went before him to prepare the way for the Word of God to go forth in power.

Plumbline: I Thessalonians 5.19

Quench not the Spirit.

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.

Have you ever said in your heart, NOT NOW? It just seemed the wrong time and the wrong place when you felt a leading to say something to someone about their soul. You were torn between doing what you felt in your spirit with the situation at hand in telling someone else about the Lord Jesus Christ.

There are times when it does seem not the place nor the time, but the Word of God makes it clear, "Quench not the Spirit." When the Lord calls, He opens the door, the place and the time. Be aware that time may not come again. That opportunity may not come before you, but also that time for the person with whom you felt led to speak may not come before them again. I have heard people say, I wanted to talk to someone about the Lord, but – well, it just – well there were people around, and I did not want to interrupt anything.

I have also heard the above with the ending of that comment – but the person died, and I did not have an opportunity to talk with them again. I have asked on occasion, Did that person know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? The response has been many times, I do not know.

Know that when that happens, that person to whom you were called to speak also did not have another opportunity. Hear this and take it seriously.

When the Holy Spirit speaks to you, obey. The Lord will be with you in what He is asking of you, and He will guide you – if you surrender your all to Him.

We need to be more sensitive to the voice of the Lord by His Holy Spirit and obey, be willing to step out in faith. When we "quench the Holy Spirit," we are not trusting the Lord to be with us and to guide us. Also, we are missing a great blessing to do the bidding of the Lord.

The Lord may be asking you to make a decision in your life regarding what He wants of you. Take time and seek the Lord. Listen carefully. Pray without ceasing, and **Quench not the Spirit.**

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