

# The Plumbline

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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?

The enemy knows how to bring confusion in our lives, to bring us down and to discourage us from the work of the Lord. Satan is alive and sick as ever, and we must live close to the Lord and always be about The Father's business doing His bidding, to walk *The Way* The Way of the Cross.

You may find that walking in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ, abstaining from all appearance of evil, will cause others, family and friends, to leave you, to mock you, to make life very difficult for you. Know that the Lord will be with you through it all, is with you, when you are living for Him.

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.  
In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths (Pro 3.5, 6).

Seek the Lord now as you live for Him, lest we become like those in the days of Hosea who sought the Lord, but could not find Him because "He hath withdrawn Himself from them." Isaiah tells us that many do not seek the Lord. Let that not be said of you and me.

### Plumbline: I Thessalonians 5.22

Abstain from all appearance of evil.

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)*

# Walking in the Light

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

We read, "Hold fast to that which is good . . ." Paul goes on then to say, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." The Greek meaning is "bringing toils, annoyances, perils; of a time full of peril to Christian faith and steadfastness; causing pain and trouble." The Greek goes on saying "in an ethical sense, evil, wicked, bad."

You cannot serve two masters. You cannot serve the Lord Jesus Christ and Satan. You cannot endeavor to live a life of holiness and walk with Satan who is out to destroy those seeking more and more of Jesus Christ. You cannot walk with one foot on the broad road that leads to destruction and one on the narrow road that leads to life everlasting.

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon (Mt 6.24).

Note the wording in the Plumbline: "Abstain from all **APPEARANCE** of evil." This is seeking the Lord Jesus Christ to guide in this, knowing the Lord will not lead you to walk with the enemy. Be aware also that the enemy, Satan, through whomever he chooses, will lead you astray. There may be those times when Satan will tell you something has the appearance of evil to keep you from witnessing to those to whom the Lord sends you.

Yes, Jesus talked with sinners, but hear this well. He did not join in their sins or act like they were okay. He spent every moment with them speaking forth the truth of God. When we are faithful to the calling of the Lord Jesus in our lives, people will want to hear the hard, but loving word, from the Lord. Be not ashamed His Name to say. Be not ashamed His Word to preach.

These are days, as have always been, that we must be in the Word of God, reading it daily, and daily seeking the Lord's will in our lives, in our understanding of His Holy Word, that we might walk uprightly in the Lord, walking in obedience to Him Who gave His life for us that we might live with Him eternally.

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