

# 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?

I believe that this passage is not about giving handouts to the poor out of our abundance, out of our pockets, but it is about giving to the poor from our hearts, caring for them, endeavoring to reach out to them that they might come to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

All too often people hand out their pennies and move on not caring for the needs of the person. Do we even pray for the person(s) who come into our lives for help? Do we talk to them about Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, of Israel?

Do you have eyes to behold the glory of the Lord, ears fine-tuned as an instrument to the voice of the Lord, and a heart to walk in obedience to the Lord - at all costs, reaching out to others in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ?

### Plumbline: Mark 10.21

Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

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.

## One thing thou lackest!

When I have read this passage in Mark 10, I have said to myself, I wish it were just one thing for me! Well, as I read and re-read this passage, and sit with the Lord, I realize it is true: One thing thou lackest!

We are called to "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself" (Lk 10.27).

The question then comes, How can I say I "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself" - if I am not willing to give to the poor? I realize we live in a day and age where people are truly poor, so poor they do not want to work, they have no self respect, and are lazy, want people to wait on them hand and foot, because life is about themselves.

I admit it is hard to know, sometimes, who are they that are poor. Well, come to think of it the people mentioned in the above paragraph are truly poor, poor in spirit. So the question is, How do we reach out and help them?

The answer is by sharing "The Love of God" in Christ Jesus, that they shall repent of their sins, and be filled with the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. But we must first love the Lord, sit in His presence; serve Him, lead others to Jesus Christ, walk in obedience, in His holiness, righteousness.

We do have some around us who are truly poor in every aspect of their lives, and we need to seek the Lord in reaching out to them lest we become poor in spirit, and become selfish and self-centered. We need to sit in the presence of the Lord, love Him "with all our heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself"

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