



“Thus He showed me; behold the Lord stood on a wall made with a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand.” Amos 7:7

A plumb line provides the builder with an absolute standard whereby he may judge the accuracy of that which he is building. It is the standard by which all his calculations and labours constantly are evaluated and re-evaluated.

The believer’s life also has a gauge from which we may calculate and measure our spiritual and moral bearings – checking and re-checking, affirming and re-affirming our life and ways. This plumb-line is God’s Word. “Forever, O LORD, Your Word is settled in heaven.” (Psalm 119:89). The Word of God is profitable for our understanding, for our discipline and correction, for our understanding of how to live life both within the Kingdom of God and in a world of fallen men. (2 Timothy 3:16 – 17). This standard is ever true, unwavering, impartial and pure. You can live by it. You can trust it. “The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.” (Psalm 12:6).

A wall may look straight, but when you place a plumb line next to it, the truth is revealed. Your opinions and your beliefs may seem right, but when compared to the uncompromising standard of God’s Word, how then do they – how then do you measure up?!

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