

I WILL SET A PLUMBLINE

AMOS 7

Text: Amos 7:8

(Amos 7:8) "And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more:"

Introduction:

A plumbline is a instrument or tool that is used to keep things square and strait.

The Hebrew defines it as to be narrow.

Let me say this morning that God has still got a plumbline set this morning for His people as well as the sinner.

God's Plumbline

- 1) Determines our Direction
- 2) Directs our Devotion
- 3) Develops our Determination.

- 4) Sets the Standard
- 5) Situates Squareness
- 6) Sights Straightness
- 7) Solidifies the Sides

Let me ask this question, “How Do You Measure Up This Morning With?”

1. SALVATION

A. Works

1. Some try to balance out their bad with good trying to get to Heaven.
2. Some take sacraments trying to get to Heaven.
3. Some get baptized trying to go to Heaven.
4. Some come to church trying to go to Heaven.

B. Word

(John 14:6) "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

(Ephesians 2:8-9) "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: {9} Not of works, lest any man should boast."

2. SECURITY

(1 John 5:13) "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

(John 3:36) "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

3. SEPARATION

Security is not an excuse not to be separated.

(Ezra 10:11) "Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives."

(Luke 6:22) "Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake."

(2 Corinthians 6:17) "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,"

A. Dress like the world.

1. Shorts
2. Mini Skirts
3. Women's jewelry on men.

B. Talk like the world.

1. Off colored jokes.
2. Slang expressions
 - a. Gosh
 - b. Gees
 - c. Darn
 - d. Golly

(Mark 14:70) "And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilaeen, and thy speech agreeth thereto."

Your speech should give you away

C. Walk like the world

1. Where the world walks.

D. Worldly habits

1. Drink
2. Smoke
3. Curse
4. Chew

E. Worldly entertainment

1. Music
2. Skipping out of church for ball, camping, fishing.

Why do Christian people want to walk as close to the world as they possibly can?

4. SERVICE

(Matthew 12:30) "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad."

(Luke 9:50) "And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us."

A. You will serve someone or something.

(Joshua 24:15) "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

5. SOULWINNING

(Matthew 4:18-19) "And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. {19} And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

(Mark 1:16-17) "Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a

net into the sea: for they were fishers. {17} And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men."

(Proverbs 11:30) "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."

Illustration:

A fisherman is a hunter, hunting fish. He uses bait, to lure in the fish, a pole, line and hook or a net to land the fish.

Fishing is the only type of hunting that you never know what you are catching.

- It might be a big fish or a little fish.
- If you don't catch fish in one area you move to another
- But regardless of the size, as long as your catching fish it's fun.

(Psalms 126:6) "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

6. SINCERITY

(Matthew 22:37) "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."

(Mark 12:30) "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment."

(Luke 10:27) "And he answering said, Thou shalt 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."

A. Our sincerity will control every area.

1. Our salvation
2. Our security
3. Our separation
4. Our service
5. Our soulwinning.

Close:

The line has been established. How do you measure up?

God's Plumline:

Determines our Direction; What direction are you going?

Directs our Devotion; Who or what are you devoted to?

Develops our Determination; What are you determined to do?

Sets the Standard; Where are they set?

Situates Squareness

Sights Straightness

Solidifies the Sides; Who's side are you on?