



# Measuring Up

Am I [Spiritually]  
Fit for Purpose?

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*Amo 7:9 And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.*

# What Is God's "Fit for Purpose"?

*2Ti 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, **and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.***

*2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

*2Ti 3:17 **That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.***

*Php 2:5 **Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:***

*Php 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:*

*Php 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*



Plumb Line Aka Plummet  
Or Plumb Bob



Isaiah 28:17  
Zechariah

Amos 7:7

Matthew  
25:31



*Rev 11:1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and one said, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.*

*Rev 11:2 And the court which is without the temple leave without, and measure it not; for it hath been given unto the nations: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.*



Cubit measuring rod - Middle Kingdom -  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art

Made 1336 BC - 1295 BC  
[Collected North Africa  
1855]



8 m measuring rod

Made China 2024  
[collected Bunnings Springfield 2025]



Courtesy of National Museums Liverpool, World Museum



**ROD:**  
Relatively  
short, heavy  
club-like  
device.

**STAFF:**  
Longer and  
thinner, with a  
hook or crook  
at one end.

*Eze 20:37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:*

*Eze 20:38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.*

*Psa 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*



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Rev 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. Rev 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

*Pro 11:1 A false balance is  
abomination to the LORD:  
but a just weight is his  
delight.*



*Pro 16:11 A just weight and  
balance are the LORD'S: all  
the weights of the bag are  
his work.*

Dan 5:25 And this *is* the  
writing that was written,  
MENE, MENE, TEKEL,  
UPHARSIN.

Dan 5:26 This *is* the  
interpretation of the thing:  
MENE; God hath numbered  
thy kingdom, and finished it.

Dan 5:27 TEKEL; Thou art  
weighed in the balances, and  
art found wanting.

Dan 5:28 PERES; Thy  
kingdom is divided, and given  
to the Medes and Persians

*2Ki 21:12 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle.*

*2Ki 21:13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down.*

*Zec 4:9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.*

*Zec 4:10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and **shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel** with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.*

Righteousness  
[how we deal  
with God]  
Plummet line



Isa 28:17 Judgment also will I lay  
to the line, and righteousness to  
the plummet: and they shall  
sweep away the refuge of lies,  
and the waters shall overflow the  
hiding place.



Judgement  
[how we deal with God's law  
and people] Rule/string/rod



# Why Should I Know About Standards and Measures?

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*Mat 25:32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:*

*Mat 25:33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.*

# What Are “Standards”?

## standard

: something established by an authority as a rule for the measure of quantity, *procedure*, weight, extent, value, or quality

Miriam-Webster Dictionary

Leaders at all levels in the organisation set up and use clinical governance systems to improve the safety and quality of health care for patients.

## NSQHS SAFETY STANDARDS

### 1. CLINICAL GOVERNANCE

Focuses on systems and processes that are in place to ensure that health services maintain and improve operational standards.



### 2. PARTNERING WITH CONSUMERS

Focuses on achieving mutually beneficial outcomes and acknowledges the important contribution that consumers can make to enhancing health delivery.



### 3. PREVENTING INFECTIONS

Addresses endeavours to judiciously use antibiotics and develop practices that reduce the development and transmission of infections.



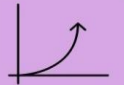
### 4. MEDICATION SAFETY

Implementation of processes and procedures that endeavour to reduce medication error from prescribing to administration and enhancing consumer knowledge.



### 5. COMPREHENSIVE CARE

A broad reaching standard aimed at ensuring that care meets individual needs and the impact health issues have on individual lives and their wellbeing.



### 6. COMMUNICATING FOR SAFETY

Addresses processes and systems utilised to enhance the transfer of data and patient to improve clinical safety and patient/family involvement.



### 7. BLOOD MANAGEMENT

Focuses on processes and systems to judiciously use blood products, in addition to optimising their safe use and management.



### 8. RECOGNISING AND RESPONDING TO ACUTE DETERIORATION

Implementing processes that support identification of unwell patients and employing processes to ensure that clinicians can apply and promote care.

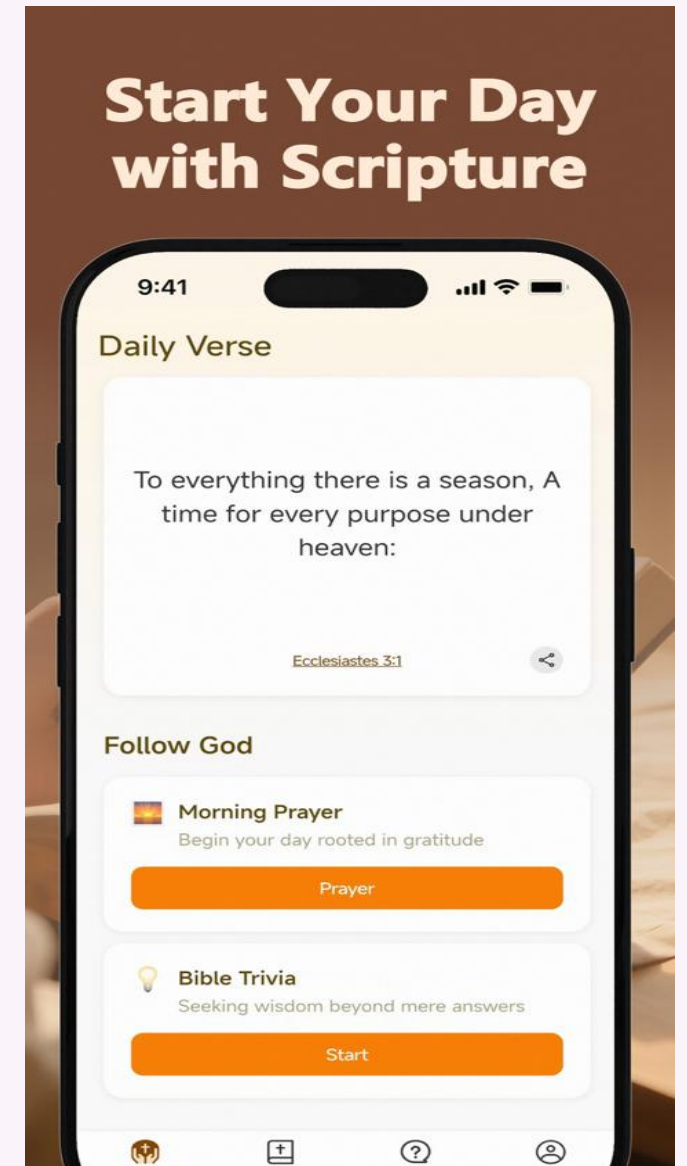


# What Are God's Standards?

## Where Can I Find Them?



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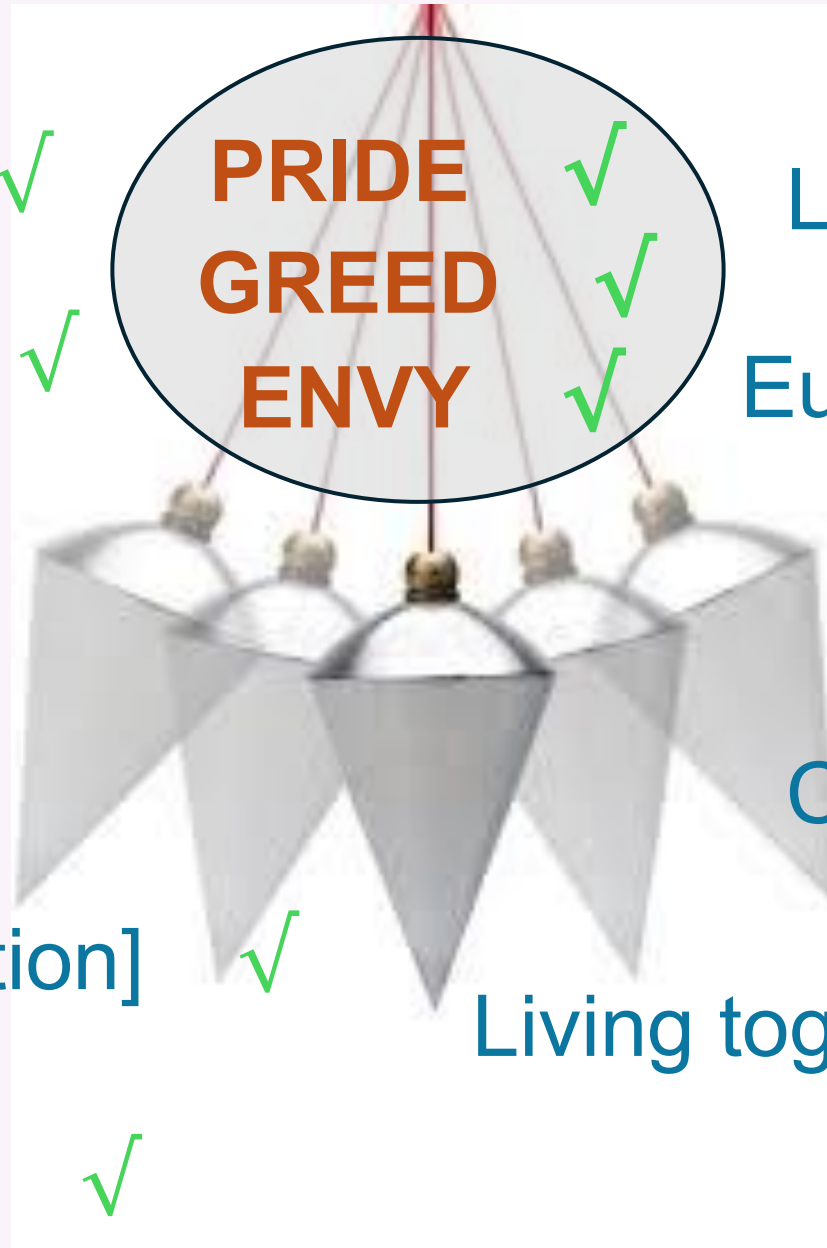


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Dangerous Bible  
and the Most  
Commonly used  
Bible  
– the Nike Bible



# According to the Nike Bible



Abortion [murder] ✓

Pilfering [stealing] ✓

Homosexuality ✓

Cursing ✓

Pornography [fornication] ✓

Domestic violence ✓

Lying [fibbing] ✓

Euthanasia [murder] ✓

Adultery ✓

Cheating [stealing] ✓

Living together [fornication] ✓

# God's Standards Don't Change

*Psa 102:25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.*

*Psa 102:26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:*

*Psa 102:27 But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.*

*Mal 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*

*Jas 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*

*Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*

# Why Have Measures?

We measure to check if a product or service is “fit for purpose”; so we know if it is it up to the **standard** its maker intended and will it do what the customer expected?

*Deu 30:15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;     **Deu 30:16-18 Deu 30:19** I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:*

**1Co 10:23** *all things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not*

# Who Is Doing the Measuring?

*Psalm 139:1-4 - O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.*

*Mat 10:29-30 - Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.*

*1Jn 3:20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.*

# God's Justice [and Mercy]

God will not judge against standards that are not known to those being judged – and so he goes to great pains to make those standards clear: and

Because those standards are made clear, his justice demands accountability

*2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

# God's [Justice] and Mercy

## Why Am I Still Alive?

*Mic 7:18 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. Mic 7:19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.*

*1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **1Jn 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse **[katherizo]** us from all unrighteousness. 1Jn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

# How Can We Be Fit-for-Purpose?

*Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, **unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:***

*Eph 4:14 That we henceforth be **no more children**, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

*Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, **may grow up into him in all things**, which is the head, even Christ:*

*Eph 4:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

# How Can We Become Fit-for-Purpose?

*Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

*Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he **shall give you another Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever;*

*Joh 14:17 **Even the Spirit of truth**; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

*Joh 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, **even the Spirit of truth**, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:*

*Joh 15:27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.*

*Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive **the gift of the Holy Ghost**.*

# How Can We Become Fit-for-Purpose?

*Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, **after that the Holy Ghost is come upon** you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. [He will give us spiritual power to do and to fight]*

*Joh 14:26 But **the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost**, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. [He will show/teach spiritual truths and help us see the importance/relevance]*

*Joh 16:13 Howbeit **when he, the Spirit of truth**, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. [He is he messenger; his truth (what he says and does) comes from God]*

*1Co 12:7 But the **manifestation of the Spirit** is given to every man to **profit withal**. [Whatever He says and does is spiritually important and relevant and spiritually valuable/profitable]*

# How Can We Become Fit-for-Purpose?

*Rom 8:26 Likewise **the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities**: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

*Rom 8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. [when we're stuck/lost, he is our automatic source of help]*

*1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, **but which the Holy Ghost teacheth**; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

*1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

*1Co 2:15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. [He helps us understand and speak the spiritual aspects of things of the world]*

# Are There Examples of FFP?

## *Fit for Purpose*

Enoch – God “took” him

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob

Moses – God buried him

Elijah – taken by Chariot

David – man after God’s heart

**JESUS** – the Man

**King Solomon - ????**

## *Not [?] Fit for Purpose*

Belshazzar – found wanting

King Saul – disobeyed God

Balaam – defied God

Jezabel - wickedness

Haman – destroy Israel

# What Can We Learn?

God's purposes – are we fit for God's purpose?

God's Standards – What are they

God's Measures – how He will know, and we can learn

God's judgement, mercy and grace

God's system works – we have:-

- The end product – Fit for Purpose soul
- The plan/specification/standards manual – the Bible
- The enablers – Jesus (the prototype), Holy Spirit, God's grace
- The measuring tools – the Bible

To Become Fit for God's Purpose We Must Use the System/Follow the Plan!