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IN ORDER FOR OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOD, IT MUST BE **PURE** – THAT IS: FROM A PURE **HEART**, WITH A PURE **MOTIVE**, IN A PURE **MANNER**, AND FOR A PURE **PURPOSE**.

The Privilege Of Priesthood Requires Selfless Service

- Malachi 2:1-9
  - True worship demands an **eager heart** to hear all that God has revealed and to receive all that God gives, and to faithfully **<u>respond</u> in sincere praise** and **<u>full dedication</u>** of one's self and means to God's glory.

- Malachi 2:1-2 "And now, **O priests**, **this commandment is for you**. 2 If you will not hear, and if you will not **take *it* to heart**, To **give glory to My name**," says the Lord of hosts, "I will send a curse upon you, and **I will curse your blessings**. Yes, I have cursed them already, because **you do not take it to heart.**"

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- COLOSSIANS 4:17 AND SAY TO ARCHIPPUS, "**TAKE HEED TO THE MINISTRY WHICH YOU HAVE RECEIVED IN THE LORD**, THAT YOU MAY **FULFILL IT**.

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- Malachi 2:3 "Behold, **I will rebuke** your descendants And **spread refuse** on your faces, The refuse of your solemn feasts; And *one* will take you away with it.

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- Malachi 2:4 Then you shall know that I have sent this commandment to you, **That My covenant with Levi may continue**," Says the Lord of hosts.

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- Malachi 2:5 "My covenant was with him, ***one* of life and peace**, And I gave them to him ***that he might* fear *Me***; So he feared Me And was reverent before My name.

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- See Exodus 32:26-29.
- V. 26 - "Whoever *is* on the Lord's side—*come* to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him

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- **See Deuteronomy 33:8-11.**
- V.v. 9-10 . . .For **they have observed** Your word And kept Your covenant. 10 **They shall teach** Jacob Your judgments

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- Malachi 2:6 The law of truth was in his mouth, And injustice was not found on his lips. **He walked with Me in peace and equity**, And **turned many away from iniquity**

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- Malachi 2:7 "For the **lips of a priest should keep knowledge**, And *people* should seek the law from his mouth; For he is **the messenger of the Lord** of hosts

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- 1 TIMOTHY 6:20 O TIMOTHY! **GUARD WHAT WAS COMMITTED TO YOUR TRUST**, AVOIDING THE PROFANE *AND* IDLE BABBLINGS AND CONTRADICTIONS OF WHAT IS FALSELY CALLED KNOWLEDGE.

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- 2 TIMOTHY 1:14 **THAT GOOD THING** WHICH WAS COMMITTED TO YOU, **KEEP (GUARD) BY THE HOLY SPIRIT** WHO DWELLS IN US.

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- 2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, **COMMIT THESE TO FAITHFUL MEN** who will be **ABLE TO TEACH OTHERS** also.
- Matthew 28:20

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C. Unfaithful Service Causes Many To Stumble While Suggesting That The Approval Of Man Is More Important Than The Approval Of God.

- Malachi 2:8 But you have departed from the way; **You have caused many to stumble** at the law. You have **corrupted the covenant** of Levi," Says the Lord of hosts.

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- Malachi 2:9 “Therefore I also have made you contemptible and base before all the people, Because **you have not kept My ways But have shown partiality in the law**

- 1 Peter 4:10–11 **As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another**, as **good stewards of the manifold grace of God**.
  11 If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen

- Hebrews 13:20–21 Now may **the God of peace** who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 **make you complete** in every good work **to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight**, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

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