

The Need For Committed Leadership

1 Peter 2:9 (NIV) — (9) But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Ephesians 4:11–12 (NIV) — (11) It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, **(12)** to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

Malachi 2:1-9 (NIV) ⁽¹⁾ "And now this admonition is for you, O priests. ⁽²⁾ If you do not listen, and if you do not set your heart to honor my name," says the LORD Almighty, "I will send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have already cursed them, because you have not set your heart to honor me. ⁽³⁾ "Because of you I will rebuke your descendants; I will spread on your faces the offal from your festival sacrifices, and you will be carried off with it. ⁽⁴⁾ And you will know that I have sent you this admonition so that my covenant with Levi may continue," says the LORD Almighty. ⁽⁵⁾ "My covenant was with him, a covenant of life and peace, and I gave them to him; this called for reverence and he revered me and stood in awe of my name. ⁽⁶⁾ True instruction was in his mouth and nothing false was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and turned many from sin. ⁽⁷⁾ "For the lips of a priest ought to preserve knowledge, and from his mouth men should seek instruction--because he is the messenger of the LORD Almighty. ⁽⁸⁾ But you have turned from the way and by your teaching have caused many to stumble; you have violated the covenant with Levi," says the LORD Almighty. ⁽⁹⁾ "So I have caused you to be despised and humiliated before all the people, because you have not followed my ways but have shown partiality in matters of the law."

I) As Spiritual Leaders We Honor God By Walking With Him

James 3:1 (NIV) — (1) Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

Romans 5:1 (NIV) — (1) Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Proverbs 9:10 (NIV) — (10) “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Matthew 10:28 (NIV) — (28) Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

II) As Spiritual Leaders We Honor God By Teaching His Truth.

III) As Spiritual Leaders If We Do Not Honor God, We Will Face God’s Discipline.

John 14:6 (NLT) — (6) Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

Isaiah 54:2–4 (NLT) — (2) “Enlarge your house; build an addition. Spread out your home, and spare no expense! **(3)** For you will soon be bursting at the seams. Your descendants will occupy other nations and resettle the ruined cities. **(4)** “Fear not; you will no longer live in shame. Don’t be afraid; there is no more disgrace for you. You will no longer remember the shame of your youth and the sorrows of widowhood.