



MALACHI

“Ministry of Teaching”

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Malachi 2:1-9 (ESV)

WHY CARE ABOUT THE BIBLICAL VISION OF THE PASTORAL MINISTRY

1. To know what to look for when _____
to the church.
2. To know _____ for the pastoral leadership.
3. To know how to hold pastors _____.
4. To _____ pastors when you see them fulfilling God’s
biblical vision.

FAILURE IN THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD (vv. 2, 8, 9)

1. **Failure to _____ (v. 2).**
 - One of the most frightening things in the ministry is the possibility that a pastor may read the sacred pages and hear nothing from God—has become deaf to the voice of God in Scripture.
2. **Failure to have a heart _____ (v. 2).**
 - The issue is not merely whether the pastor believes in or teaches on the glory of God, but whether there lies on the minister’s heart a genuine burden to see God glorified.
3. **Failure to live up to _____ (vv. 8, 9).**
 - The issue is the lives of pastors falling short of the standards of the truth that they are supposed to teach and model.



4. Failure in giving people what they _____ (v. 9).

- When the glory of God no longer satisfies the hearts of pastors, then they may seek their satisfaction elsewhere by using God’s Word to get gain.

The Result of Failure in the Ministry of the Word:

Many are caused to _____ (v. 8).

SUCCESS IN THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

1. _____ **for the glory of God (vv. 4-5).**
 - In contrast to a pastor who has no heart burden for God’s glory (v. 2), the true minister of the Word trembles in the presence of God, stands in awe of God’s name, and has a heart for his glory.
2. _____ **to the Word of God (vv. 6-7).**
 - There is a strong commitment to defend and proclaim the truth of God’s Word, and to guard that truth from all distortion and misuse.
 - Unlike the failure of verse 2, the true minister of the Word listens to God. And unlike the failure of verse 9 the true minister of the Word refuses to adjust the message to show partiality or to get gain.
3. _____ **before God (v. 6).**
 - The true minister of the Word lives a life of devotion to God and a private and public life of holiness that is pleasing to the Lord, opposite of the failure in verses 8 and 9.

The Result of Success in the Ministry of the Word:

The _____ for the sake of sinners (v. 6).

CENTRAL TRUTH
**God holds to account the failures and successes
of the ministers of the Word of God.**

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