

Romans 2:17-19 (NLT)

[17] You who call yourselves Jews are relying on God's law, and you boast about your special relationship with him.

[18] You know what he wants; you know what is right because you have been taught his law. [19] You are convinced that you are a guide for the blind and a light for people who are lost in darkness.

Romans 2:20-21 (NLT)

[20] You think you can instruct the ignorant and teach children the ways of God. For you are certain that God's law gives you complete knowledge and truth.

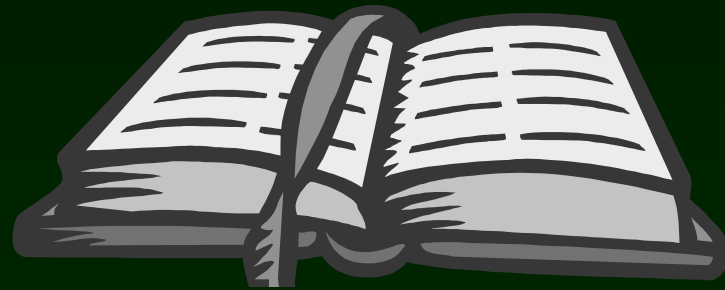
[21] Well then, if you teach others, why don't you teach yourself? You tell others not to steal, but do you steal?

Romans 2:22-24 (NLT)

[22] You say it is wrong to commit adultery, but do you commit adultery? You condemn idolatry, but do you use items stolen from pagan temples? [23] You are so proud of knowing the law, but you dishonor God by breaking it. [24] No wonder the Scriptures say, “The Gentiles blaspheme the name of God because of you.”

DO YOUR JOB!

Malachi 2:1-99



Implications in the IF statements:

- you do NOT Obey
- you do NOT Even Care

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Deuteronomy 28:15 & 20 (ESV)

[15] “But **if you will not obey** the voice of the Lord your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then **ALL these curses** shall come upon you and overtake you.

...[20] **The Lord will send on you curses,** confusion, and frustration in all that you undertake to do, until you are destroyed and perish quickly on account of the evil of your deeds, **because you have forsaken me.**

A Heart Set apart to Honor God...

- knows **Life** is about the Lord **NOT** them
- lives with **a Sense GOD** in everything they do
- will **Give up ANY** personal claim to glory
- Recognizes **FAITHFULNESS to God** is Essential

Romans 6:19-20 (NIV)

I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, **so now offer them in SLAVERY to righteousness leading to holiness.** [20] When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness.

Romans 6:21-22 (NIV)

What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! [22] But now that you have been **SET FREE FROM SIN** and have **become slaves to God**, the **benefit you reap leads to holiness**, and the result is eternal life.

Lord of Hosts - “Hosts” means great numbers of Armies, Angels, or Stars. Malachi wants us to see and feel that our Father in heaven has **INFINITE authority in the universe**. He can wield any and all armies on earth to accomplish his purposes among the nations whether they know it or not. He has myriads of angels who do his bidding flawlessly and never fail in their errands. And he has appointed every star in the universe its position. He holds them in place - trillions of them - and calls them ALL by name. ...**It is on the altar of this God that the priests were offering animals that were sick, blind, and lame.** ~ J. Piper

Essentials of God Honoring Ministry:

- **AWE and Reverence for God**
- **Teaching Truth**
- **Purity of Life**
- **Intimacy with God**
- **Turn people Away from Sin**
- **Train the next Generation**

(P. Apple)

Violated the Covenant by:

- **Refusing to Teach the Truth**
- **Sacrificing Forbidden Animals**

**→ There is ALWAYS
Someone Watching**

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QUESTIONS

1. What is one way we can SET our hearts to honor God this week?
2. Why is it so hard for us to see our job as a ministry?
3. What can when we have dishonored God in some way?
4. What would it look like for you to live each moment of each day Setting your heart to Honor God?