

Text: Malachi 2:1-9

Speaker: Warren Boettcher

Title: The Marks of Faithful Ministry

Main Point: God holds leaders accountable to faithfully minister to His people.

Major points:

Faithful leaders honor God first.

Faithful leaders teach God's Word accurately.

Faithful leaders live godly lives.

Quote 1

1 Peter 2:5,9 – ⁵*“You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ...⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”*

Quote 2

“If we are not living with the presence and glory of God always in focus and always as the primary motivator of all we say and do, what we say and do will be driven by glory of self...we are always living for some type of glory.” -Paul Tripp (from *LEAD*)

Quote 3

Hebrews 13:17a – *“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account.”*

James 3:1 – *“Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.”*

Quote 4

1 Corinthians 3:7 – *“So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.”*

Quote 5

“A leader's pride in ministry achievement is not only a self-serving delusion; it is redemptive thievery, taking personal pride in what only the Redeemer can do.” - Paul Tripp (from *LEAD*)

Quote 6

“What we see today in the moral collapse of the ministry is not the worst failure. Far more devastating to the church long term is the doctrinal defection of thousands of pastors away from the authority and sufficiency of Scripture and away from biblical truth...Don't be misled! The pastoral scandals of our day are not the greatest danger to the church. The great danger is the minimizing of deep spiritual commitment to doctrinal, biblical truth.” -John Piper

Quote 7

1 Timothy 3:2-3 – *“Therefore and overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, nor a lover of money.”*

Titus 1:7-8 – *“For an overseer, as God’s steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.”*

Quote 8

“What should strike every leader about this list of leader qualities, the thing that jumps off the page, is that above everything else you could want in a leader, God values character...character trumps performance...Leaders who have character, lead with character, model what is truly important, and encourage the same in others.” - Paul Tripp (from *LEAD*)

Quote 9 (Benediction)

Numbers 6:22-24 – *“The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”*