May 8, 2022 Living Into Easter: Godly Leadership Counts Malachi 2:1-9

A life lived for God is a life that leads self and others closer to Christ.

Godly leadership is passionate about God (2:14).

"If you will not listen, if you will not take it to heart to give honor to my name, says the LORD of hosts, then I will..." (Malachi 2:2a).

"I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth" (Revelation 3:15, 16).

Godly leadership leads by example (2:5-7).

"My covenant with him was one of life and peace, and I gave them to him. It was a covenant of fear, and he feared me. He stood in awe of my name" (Malachi 2:5).

"I urge you, then, be imitators of me" (1 Corinthians 4:16).

Godly leadership acknowledges wrong and seeks servanthood (2:8-9).

"But you have turned aside from the way. You have caused many to stumble by your instruction" (Malachi 2:8a).

"And Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:42-45).

