

## “HOW GOD MEASURES”

### MALACHI 2:1-9

*How God gauges success may not be how we do. As finite, walk-by-sight creatures, we tend to evaluate based on what we see. God however evaluates on what He sees – the heart of man. We excess on quantity; God doesn't.*

### THE QUALITIES OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

① \_\_\_\_\_ (2:1-2a)

Hearing mostly just happens, but \_\_\_\_\_ invites a choice to zero in and give attention.

Engaging your \_\_\_\_\_ is absolutely essential (Mt. 6:21; 12:34; 15:19; 18:35; 19:8; 22:37)

② \_\_\_\_\_ (2:2b-3)

This type of living is a dominate theme in scripture Luke 12:48; 2 Cor. 5:10; Gal. 6:4,7; Eph. 5:15-16; Phil. 1:27; Col. 4:6; James 3:1).

When it's all been said and done, the evidence will accumulate and the conclusion be clear whether you lived for self or lived for the Savior.

③ \_\_\_\_\_ (2:4)

*Commandment* and *covenant* infuse into the discussion the \_\_\_\_\_ and weightiness of their position in the temple.

④ \_\_\_\_\_ (2:5-7)

A. P \_\_\_\_\_ (2:5)

When we allow the fear of man to ensnare us, our service to God shifts from vertical to horizontal.

B. P \_\_\_\_\_ (2:6)

Not only did he take it in, he gave it out. While dedicating himself to the Lord, he did not disassociate himself with the people.

C. P \_\_\_\_\_ (2:7)

If you aren't within \_\_\_\_\_ of people, then you may be out of \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

### CONCLUSION

Sadly, the priests of that day took the pathway of faithlessness and reaped the result of fruitlessness. These corrupt priests and afflicted and infected the followers of God. What are we to learn?

1. The path of \_\_\_\_\_ resistance is probably not the godly one.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ we show to others is critical.

3. Commit to \_\_\_\_\_ scripture for your own benefit as well as others.

4. Obeying partially is still \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Be faithful with your \_\_\_\_\_ station in life.