

# Message Notes

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**FAMILY VALUES**  
Authenticity & Excellence  
Malachi 1:6-14  
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◆ How do we really \_\_\_\_\_ God with our \_\_\_\_\_? (Lev 10:3; Ps 50:23)

◆ We honor God by *valuing* both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## Authenticity & Excellence

◆ *Authenticity*—\_\_\_\_\_: what you \_\_\_\_\_ is what you \_\_\_\_\_. (Pr 10:9)

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart. Colossians 3:23

◆ *Excellence*—not \_\_\_\_\_; doing the \_\_\_\_\_ w/what you have.

## A Lesson From Malachi

◆ The people were giving only “\_\_\_\_\_” to worshiping God.

“When you offer blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice lame or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to you governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?” says the Lord Almighty. **Malachi 1:8**

◆ In hypocrisy, they were offering God \_\_\_\_\_ than their \_\_\_\_\_.

◆ The “\_\_\_\_\_” we bring to God today is \_\_\_\_\_.

◆ God always \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ before our \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen 4:2-5)

◆ If our \_\_\_\_\_ is empty \_\_\_\_\_, God says, “\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_!”

“Cursed is the cheat who has an acceptable male in his flock and vows to give it, but then sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord. For I am a great king,” says the Lord Almighty, “and my name is to be feared among the nations.” **Malachi 1:14**

◆ We \_\_\_\_\_ God by giving Him our \_\_\_\_\_ from a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

◆ When we get our \_\_\_\_\_ right, right \_\_\_\_\_ will follow. (Lk 12:34)

◆ Worship is our \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s great \_\_\_\_\_ for us. (Lk 21:1-4)

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! **1 John 3:1**

◆ Am I honoring God w/*my* \_\_\_\_\_ from a \_\_\_\_\_ heart of worship?

# Our 9 Family Values

## ■ We value the Bible.

Because it is God’s unchanging Word to us, we seek to submit to His life-giving teaching & authority in every area of our lives, even when it’s painful. *Psalm 119:105; Matthew 4:4; John 8:31-32; Colossians 3:16; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 4:2; Hebrews 4:12*

## ■ We value living as God’s stewards.

Because everything we have belongs to the LORD, we seek to generously give Him our whole lives, and manage well the money, possessions, time, bodies, jobs & relationships He’s entrusted to us. *Psalm 24:1; Matthew 25:21; Luke 12:48b; 1 Corinthians 4:2; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7; 9:6-12*

## ■ We value right relationships.

Because God took the costly initiative to make us right with Him, and because wrong relationships block His Holy Spirit, we seek to be right with others, to build a sense of family and to be a caring community. *Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15-18; Mark 11:25; Romans 12:18; Ephesians 3:14-15; 4:2-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; Hebrews 12:14-15*

## ■ We value authenticity.

Because God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble, we seek to humbly and transparently represent Christ in all we do and say. *Matthew 23:5,25-26; Ephesians 5:8-17; Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 5:5-6; 1 John 1:5-10*

## ■ We value excellence.

Because God gave His best for us, we seek to give Him our best, for excellence honors God & inspires people. *Eccl 9:10; 2Cor 8:9; 9:15; Col 3:23; 2Tim 2:15*

## ■ We value spiritual hunger.

Because we want to be followers of Jesus who never lose the desire to love & worship Him wholeheartedly and know Him better. *Psalm 63:1-8; Matthew 5:6; Mark 12:30; John 14:21-24; Ephesians 1:17-19; 1 Peter 2:2-3*

## ■ We value every person serving.

Because Jesus didn’t come to be served but to serve, and He’s given every believer spiritual gifts to glorify God & edify others, we want to give our lives away in His name. *Mk 10:42-45; Jn 13:12-17; 1Cor 12:1-31; Eph 4:11-16; Rom 12:3-8; 1Pet 4:10*

## ■ We value those still on the way with Jesus.

Because we’re called to be His witnesses in this world, we want to lovingly “show and tell” the gospel of Jesus. *Matthew 5:13-16; 28:18-20; Luke 19:10; Acts 1:8; Romans 1:16; 1 Peter 3:15-16; 2 Peter 3:9*

## ■ We value prayer.

Because prayer is a primary way God works in and through His people, we want to continuously & expectantly call on the name of the LORD. *Jeremiah 33:3; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Acts 2:42; Ephesians 3:14-21; 6:18; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thess 5:17; 1 Timothy 2:1-4*