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### “If Ye Will Not Lay It To Heart”

Being ordained to the ministry is always serious business, never to be taken lightly. We all need to pray for young ministers as they are ordained into the service of the Lord and the church needs to lend their support in every way possible with much prayer included.

Malachi shared a commandment from the Lord with the priests of his day. They were told about a curse which would be upon them and upon their blessings if they did not take it to heart (Malachi 2:2).

Then we find in Malachi 2:7 some wonderful admonition which should be to all who will be ordained and is also good for all of us who have already been ordained. It says, **“For the priest’s lips should keep knowledge...”** It goes without saying of the necessity for a God called minister to study the Word of God and hold fast to all it teaches him as his ministry progresses.

The problem is these priest had **“departed out of the way”** and had **“caused many to stumble at the law”** (vs. 8). If that was not bad enough, they had corrupted the covenant of Levi. God is laying this to their charge for not maintaining the office of priest the way that God had intended and had commanded. May I encourage all of us today to do a better job of keeping the knowledge which we have learned over the years which enables us to rightly divide the Word of Truth so it can be properly dispersed to the hungry children of God.

But, notice also the later part of verse 7, **“...and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.”** To the believers of the Truth in Christ Jesus, it is important to recognize where the preaching grace comes from which enables your pastor and other ministers to preach the riches of our Saviour. When a minister is blessed to preach in the power and demonstration of the Spirit of God and it

touches your heart as you learn more about your Lord, it behooves all to then seek the knowledge (preaching of the gospel) on every occasion we can. We must give God the glory for these truths as He is the one who gives the increase to the minister as he applies himself with much study. When a man is blessed to preach in feeding the flock from the Word of God, we all (priest and believers as well) must give the glory to God from whence it comes. What a blessing it is when we all do that which pleases and has been commanded by the Lord. May we all seek the knowledge which comes forth from the lips of God's ministers when they are blessed to feed our hungry souls. **Think About It!**