



## **COOKING THE BOOKS FOR GOD**

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Malachi 1:6-2:9

**1. We honor God by our personal sacrifice.**  
Malachi 1:8-14

- Is God getting your leftover time?
- Is God getting your leftover effort?
- Is God getting your leftover money?

**2. We honor God by revering His Word.**  
Malachi 2:5-9

- Are you guided by its instruction?
- Are you under its authority?

## Growth Group Homework - January 19, 2020

### Warm-Up

1. Are you a fan of leftover food? Why or why not?
2. What do you think your first emotion would be if the IRS was going to audit you?

### Talk It Over

3. Looking back at your notes from this week's message, what did you find most challenging or helpful?
4. In Luke 9:23-26, Jesus identifies a regular series of decisions his followers make. What are the decisions and what does he contrast them with?
5. What would it look like for a person to deny themselves and follow Jesus with:
  - The way they use their time?
  - How they exert their effort?
  - The way they spend their money?
6. In your experience, what are the struggles with denying yourself and putting God first in these areas?

7. Read Psalm 119:105-112. What is the psalmist's attitude and view of God's Word? What role does it play in his life? Which part of the passage do you connect with most?

8. Bevan said, "An indicator that we revere God's Word is seen whenever we hear the truth about our sin and then we turn from our sin and don't justify it." What's your reaction to this statement?

9. Reading the Bible can seem overwhelming and hard to apply to everyday life. What are some things you have done, or ideas you have, that help prioritize and practice God's Word?

### Take It Home

10. What is one thing you can shift in the way you use your time, effort, and money? Who can you ask to help keep you on track in 2020?