



**Total Devotion to God
June 25 & 26, 2022**

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Legend of the Call Week 3: Malachi

Occupation: Pastor

**Place in life: The last prophet of Israel before the 400 years of
silence.**

Calling: To challenge God's people to be totally devoted.

**Devotion: The act of dedicating everything to a person, cause,
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God's love towards His people:

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I'm totally devoted to God when I am willing to:

1

Give God the very best of me.

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Colossians 3:23 (TPT)

Put your heart and soul into every activity you do, as though you are doing it for the Lord himself and not merely for others.

2

Stay committed to those I've promised to love and serve.

Malachi 2:10-11 (NLT)

Are we not all children of the same Father? Are we not all created by the same God? Then why do we betray each other, violating the covenant of our ancestors? Judah has been unfaithful, and a detestable thing has been done in Israel and in Jerusalem. The men of Judah have defiled the LORD's beloved sanctuary by marrying women who worship idols.

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3

See my generosity as God's gracious provisions.

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- **My generosity guarantees more of God's rich provisions.**

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3 characteristics God demands from every Christian when it comes to stewardship:

- **We must be sacrificial in our giving.**
- **We must be consistent in our giving (every time we receive income).**
- **We must be cheerful in our giving.**

2 Corinthians 8:9 (TPT)

For you have experienced the extravagant grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that although he was infinitely rich, he impoverished himself for our sake, so that by his poverty, we become rich beyond measure.

4

Trust God regardless of how dark my circumstances may be.

Malachi 4:1-2 (NLT)

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