

## God has a Message for You: Malachi The Problem of Adolescent Faith

Immaturity will reveal itself when answering three questions.

- Do we love God?
- Do we love people?
- Do we love money and the things money can buy?

### 1. Do we love God?

- We claim we don't have to love Him, because He has not really loved us.  
Malachi 1:2
- We show we don't love God because we are unwilling to sacrifice for Him and to Him.  
Malachi 1:6-7
- We show we don't love God when we are always complaining about how difficult the relationship is.  
Malachi 1:11-13

### 2. Do we love people?

- We prove we don't love people when we actually cause them to sin instead of turning them away from sin.  
Malachi 2:6-8
- We prove we don't love people when we act underhandedly against them.  
Malachi 2:10
- We prove we don't love our spouse and children when we are unfaithful to our marriage vows.  
Malachi 2:14-15

### 1) Do we love money and the things that money can buy?

- You only give things you don't want, or that cost you little or nothing to God and other charities.  
Malachi 1:8, 13
- You prove you love money when you cheat others to get more of it.  
Malachi 2:10; 3:5
- You prove that you love money by stealing from God.  
Malachi 3:8

There is a point where your immaturity becomes sin.

Malachi 3:14-18