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In 1 Samuel chapters 1-3, it introduces the character Eli, a high priest and a judge of Shiloh. A good thing that Eli did was when Hannah went to Shiloh to pray to the Lord for a child, Eli thought she was drunk because of the state she was in, but when Hannah explained that she was not drunk but praying with such expressive emotion to have a child. After she explained herself Eli blessed Hannah and ensured her prayer was granted. Another good deed Eli did was that when Hannah went to give Samuel her child to the Lord as she promised in her prayer, Eli took Samuel in and his life was dedicated to the Lord as promised.

Eli himself didn't do any bad things but his two sons Hophni and Phinehas were not as kind and goodhearted as their father was. They had no regard for the Lord and defiled all the sacrifices given to the Lord and Eli didn't do anything to stop them. Eli's weakness is that he reframes stopping his children at all costs, even though he knows of all the sins they have committed toward the Lord.

Overall I think that Eli is a genuine and good-hearted man, who helps those who want help from the Lord and he judges those to see if they truly are looking for something with good intentions and a full heart, just like Hannah. He also helped Samuel fulfill the promise his mother made to the Lord and treated him like one of his own. Although Eli was a good person to strangers, he

wasn't the best father and role model to his two sons, which caused them to become evil and not follow in their father's footsteps and live for the Lord.