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In these passages, Eli, the priest and judge of Israel who was in charge of rearing Samuel, is also a major character. Eli's sons disobeyed God's rules and became corrupt, which finally caused Eli to fall and Samuel to become a powerful leader. Eli is presented as a learned religious priest who understands that Samuel's election as a substitute judge is in accordance with God's intention. He blesses Samuel in his new position, displaying his love for God and his readiness to accept and assist God's plan.

However, Eli could have been better. Eli is mentioned in the Bible together with Hophni and Phinehas. By acting in ways that at the time were unlawful for priests, such as taking parts of sacrifices meant for God and using them for their own purposes, they are represented as being immoral and unethical. Eli failed to punish them or hold them accountable for their actions, which had an impact on God's decision to appoint Samuel as a replacement judge. He failed to correct his boys' behavior and maintain order.

In my eyes, Eli is a good character since he does what he does for God but he needed to step up to his sons and set them on the right path. He was able to show his dedication to God and willingness to accept God's plan, despite the fact that it would seem to go against his own preferences or knowledge. I feel like he needed guidance from someone else to help him with his sons.

This relates to how I live my Christian life. God provides me with assistance and support to do what is good because I am not perfect. We all frequently make mistakes and misjudge sin. However, God instructs us to walk beside him on his journey and to avoid reverting to those behaviors. God has something greater for us even if we all make errors. God will always be on our side and he wont leave us.