

Lessons From Eli's Life

In 1 Samuel 1:3 Eli was exposed for hisI the consequences of not finding a balance in his life. Eli was a good man, but unfortunately that; a man. He was flawed despite loving the lord enough to allow God to move use him for the works of the lord, However, his children were unruly. He didn't rebuke his sons as a father or a priest.He blessed Hannah with the desires of her heart.

However, it seems he may have done that not because God led him to do so but because he was getting annoyed at her praying to the point her lips were moving but nothing was coming out. He did a good thing but not for the best reason,

In my view, Eli was a good man but just like any other man he made some bad decisions. He left the Israelites without leadership, covering or oversight of the women. "Now the sons of Eli were scoundrels...for they treated the offerings of the Lord with contempt" (1 Samuel 2:12, 17).

A mighty lesson to be learned from the life of Eli similar to the lesson Jethro exposed to Moses. Doing the work of God he lost sight in a bigger picture. Making every attempt at guiding the people of God and doing the will of God he forgot to lead the biggest blessing that God gave them, their families. Our children are a reflection of us. Being children of God we are supposed to be a reflection of him. Eli allowed his children to violate everyone. Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it" Prov. 22:6. There are always consequences to disobedience. Eli didn't father his children despite knowing the consequences that were provided to his ancestors.