



Lesson Six: Eli's contemptuous Sons

Read Luke 17:1-4. If our brother or sister sins, what are we to do? If they repent, what are we to do then? (Repentance means to agree that what you are doing is wrong and to stop doing it and turn away from it to go the other direction, not just a hurried "I'm sorry".)

Read Matthew 18:15-17. There will be times when our brothers and sisters will refuse to repent. What are we to do in those instances? What is the goal of these interactions? (Verse 15 gives us the hint)

Read 2 Corinthians 2:5-8. Our goal should always be to bring our brother or sister back into right relationship with God, not to "be right" or to "make them suffer".

Read Acts 5:1-11. What did Peter say was what Ananias did wrong? (verses 3 and 4) What did Peter say Sapphira did wrong? (verse 9) It wasn't that they didn't give the whole amount to God; it's that they claimed they did to receive glory and honor from men.

Read Proverbs 3:27 and Proverbs 11:24-26. What are we to not withhold?

Hophni and Phineas were withholding from God the offerings of others. They had effectively placed themselves into the place of God, claiming their wants above the honor God had commanded be shown.

Consider today if there is something you are withholding from God. Your time? Your talents or abilities? Your treasure or resources to do His work? Spend time with Him in prayer and ask Him to show you where you need to repent and begin to give those things to Him.