

# STARK CONTRAST

(1 Samuel 2:12-26)

1. Are we serving \_\_\_\_\_ or are we serving \_\_\_\_\_? (*Leviticus 7:28-34; Matthew 6:24, 16:24; Romans 2:8, 7:5; James 3:16; 1 Samuel 12:24; Colossians 3:23-24; Deuteronomy 13:4; Malachi 3:18*)
2. We are to give God the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_. (*Matthew 6:33; Exodus 20:3; Proverbs 3:9-10; Nehemiah 10:35; Malachi 1:6-14; 2 Corinthians 9:7*)
3. We should not follow customs and traditions that do not \_\_\_\_\_ with God's \_\_\_\_\_. (*Deuteronomy 12:29-32; Mark 7:6-8; Colossians 2:8; 1 Peter 1:17-19; John 4:23-24; Romans 8:7-8; Romans 12:2*)
4. We must guard against being a \_\_\_\_\_ to anyone! (*Matthew 18:6-7; Romans 14:13; 1 Corinthians 8:9, 10:32; Malachi 2:8; Luke 17:1-4*)
5. Samuel was properly '\_\_\_\_\_'. (*Galatians 3:27; Romans 13:14; Isaiah 61:10; Romans 13:12; Ephesians 4:24, 6:11; Luke 24:49; Colossians 3:12*)
6. Eli's sons did \_\_\_\_\_ to authority; Samuel did. (*Hebrews 13:17; Romans 8:7; 1 Peter 5:5; Proverbs 12:15, 19:20*)
7. Samuel set his heart to \_\_\_\_\_, whereas Eli's sons didn't care that their hearts were \_\_\_\_\_. (*Exodus 9:12; Psalm 51:10; Proverbs 4:23, 28:13-14; Ephesians 4:18; Hebrews 3:8; Matthew 13:14-15*)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Verse 12 says that Hophni and Phinehas were "corrupt / worthless." What does this mean? What led to this? What did this lead to?
3. The sons of Eli (priests) did so much that was WRONG. Make a list of their errors and next to each note an application (or warning) you can glean for your own life.
4. The sons of Eli put their own appetites before honoring God. In what ways do we 'take the first and best' and give God the leftovers in our lives? In what ways do you need to prioritize God?
5. Hannah 'gave' her one and only child to the Lord (for service at the tabernacle), and God went on to give her 5 more children. It has been said that a person can never out-give God. What does this statement mean? Just because we give something to God does it always mean He will give us more in return? Why? Why not?
6. When we read about Eli's sons (all they did and all they were) it seems that their hearts were hardened. Did God harden their hearts or did they harden / allow their own hearts to grow hard? (Explain.) What can we do to keep our hearts soft and pliable in the hands of God?

