

1. **What is an Adult Abusive Offspring?***Write*

An Adult Offspring who EXPECTS things from their Parents that they would _____ get from a Reasonable Christian Adult!

2. **What is the One Word that is the OPPOSITE of Passive Parenting** with Adult Abusive Offspring?*Write*

Involved Parent? Attentive Parent? Confronting Parent? Parent who brings _____

3. **What is the Root Deception?***Write*

_____ says: If I bring consequences, I may LOSE them or they may Suffer PAIN.

TRUTH says: When there are Character Deficiencies – I have ALREADY Lost them and the Pain is ALREADY Guaranteed.

The only questions are:

1) Whether they will Ever Come Back? 2) Is there Hope for the Pain to Ever Stop? 3) Is there Hope for Their

1 Samuel 2:11-36 Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the LORD under Eli the priest.

¹²Eli's sons were **scoundrels**; they had no regard for the LORD.

KJV Now the sons of Eli were **sons of Belial**; *II Cor. 6: 15 What harmony is there between **Christ** and **Belial**?*

¹³ Now it was the practice of the priests that, **whenever** any of the people offered a sacrifice, the priest's **servant** would come with a three-pronged fork in his hand while the meat was being boiled ¹⁴ and would plunge the fork into the pan or kettle or caldron or pot. Whatever the fork brought up the priest would take for himself. This is how they treated **ALL** the Israelites who came to Shiloh. ¹⁵ But even before the fat was burned, the priest's **servant** would come and say to the person who was sacrificing, "Give the priest some meat to roast; he won't accept boiled meat from you, but only raw."¹⁶ If the person said to him, "Let the fat be burned first, and then take whatever you want," the **servant** would answer, "No, hand it over now; if you don't, I'll take it **By Force.**" ¹⁷ This sin of the young men was very great in the LORD's sight, for they were treating the LORD's offering with contempt. Lev. 7:23, 31, I Sam. 4:14, 15, 18

¹⁸ But Samuel was ministering before the LORD—a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹ Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. ²⁰ Eli would **bless Elkanah and his wife**, saying, "May the LORD give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the LORD." Then they would go home. ²¹ And the LORD was gracious to Hannah; she gave **birth to three sons and two daughters**. Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the LORD.

²² Now Eli, who was very old, **Heard** about **Everything** his sons were doing to all Israel and how they **slept with the women** who **served at the entrance** to the tent of meeting. ²³ So he said to them, "Why do you do such things? I hear from **all the people** about these wicked deeds of yours. ²⁴ No, my sons; the report I hear spreading among the LORD's people is not good. ²⁵ If one person sins against another, God may mediate for the offender; but if anyone sins against the LORD, who will intercede for them?" His sons, however, **did not listen to their father's rebuke**, for it was the LORD's will to put them to death. ²⁶ And the boy Samuel continued to grow in **stature** and in **favor** with the LORD and with **people**.

²⁷ Now a man of God came to Eli and said to him, "This is what the LORD says: 'Did I not clearly reveal myself to your ancestor's family when they were in Egypt under Pharaoh? ²⁸ I chose your ancestor out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to burn incense, and to wear an ephod in my presence. I also gave your ancestor's family all the food offerings presented by the Israelites. ²⁹ Why do you scorn my sacrifice and offering that I prescribed for my dwelling? Why do you **honor your sons more than me by**

Fattening YOURSELVES on the choice parts of every offering made by my people Israel?'³⁰ "Therefore the LORD, the God of Israel, declares: 'I promised that members of your family would minister before me forever.' But now the LORD declares: 'Far be it from me! Those who **honor me I will honor**, but **those who despise me will be disdained**.³¹ The time is coming when I will **cut short your strength** and the **strength of your priestly house**, so that **no one in it will reach old age**,³² and you will see distress in my dwelling. Although good will be done to Israel, no one in your family line will **ever reach old age**.³³ Every one of you that I do not cut off from serving at my altar I will spare only to destroy your sight and **sap your strength**, and all your descendants will die in the **prime of life**.³⁴ "And what happens to your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, will be a **sign** to you—they will **both die** on the same day. ³⁵ I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind. I will firmly establish his priestly house, and they will minister before my anointed one always. ³⁶ Then everyone left in your family line will come and bow down before him for a piece of silver and a loaf of bread and plead, "Appoint me to some priestly office **so I can have food to eat.**"³⁷"

1. If we REFUSED to bring CONSEQUENCES into our children's lives that we would bring into someone else's life in the same situation – is that based on LOVE or SELFISHNESS?
2. How long does someone have to get away with a sin before they **believe** that they will **never** be punished for it? (*They get away with it?*) What happens to the human heart if we get away with sins for 3-4 decades with no consequences?
3. How is the way that Samuel was raised, a message of GREAT HOPE to a **Divorced parent** who has to **SHARE** their child with an **UNSAVED parent**? Why was being raised in such an evil environment become a positive in Samuel's walk with the Lord?
4. How does this story give us an insight into the only sin pattern we ever see in Samuel's life?