



## Leadership Begins at Home

### 1 Samuel 2:22-34

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Oliver Wendell Holmes was asked, "What is the most important factor in a man's success?" He replied, "He must choose the right parents." Sadly, children don't get to choose their parents. Yet, for good or bad, a child's parents will play a vital role in what he or she will become.

We see this truth in the Bible story of Eli who was both a priest and judge in Israel (1 Sam. 1:9b; 4:18b). Though Eli was a respected leader, he was a real loser as a parent. The sins of his two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were very great in the sight of the Lord (1 Sam. 3:17a).

In our text, Eli was known as leader in Israel, but he forgot that leadership begins at home.

#### Main Thought...

➔ Children can't choose who their parents will be, but parents can choose what kind of leaders they will be in the \_\_\_\_\_.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your children to know the Lord (v. 12).

Deut. 6:4-9; Pr. 22:6

2. \_\_\_\_\_ your children by giving them discipline (v. 13-25).

Pr. 13:24; 22:15; Heb. 12:6

3. \_\_\_\_\_ your children an example to follow (v. 27-29).

Pr. 23:26; Eph. 6:4

4. \_\_\_\_\_ your children up in fervent prayer (v. 34).

1 Sam. 1:14-15, 17-18, 20

#### Final Thoughts...

➔ What kind of leader are you \_\_\_\_\_ to be in your home?

➔ Are you diligently leading your \_\_\_\_\_ to know the Lord?