

Know the Lord, Walk in His Ways and Invite Others to Follow

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II) The sons of Eli did not know God, did not walk in His ways, and lead others to disobey God. In the process, they sinned . . .

a. Against their _____ (vv. 13-14, 16, 22, 25; Deut. 18:3):

b. Against ____ (vv. 12-13, 15-17, 22, 25; Lev. 7:31-35):

III) As an _____, every person is meant to (Gen. 1:26-27; Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18; Col. 3:10):

IV) Apart from the _____ and _____ of Jesus, no one could stand before God (vv.23-24, 25; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 7:24-26, Rom. 8:31-39, Rom. 1:18-32).

Applying God's Word to Life

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- 3) How do you respond when someone corrects you?
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 - b. Lord, where am I leading others by my knowledge of you and by the ways in which I walk?
- 5) Dangerous prayers to consider:
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 - b. Lord, draw me close that I may know you, and give me the strength to walk in your ways so that others will want to follow you more closely.
 - c. Lord, by the power of your Spirit, please help me to live a more worthwhile, useful, and fruitful life in your sight?

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- ii. Leading their servants to share in their wickedness.
- iii. Disregarding and disobeying God’s word.
- iv. Deliberately going against the correction of God’s righteous servants.
- v. Living out forbidden sexual acts.
- vi. Leading others to share in their wickedness.

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IV) **Apart from the mediation and intercession of Jesus, no one could stand before God** (vv.23-24, 25; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 7:24-26, Rom. 8:31-39, Rom. 1:18-32).

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