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**WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?**

1 Samuel 2:12-36

***(SERMON IN A SENTENCE)*** The Lord’s offering should be approached with **serious consideration**, not **sinful contempt**.

RECOGNIZE THAT IT ALL BELONGS TO HIM

GIVE WITH A CHEERFUL HEART

ADDRESS IMPROPER BEHAVIOR

**MEMORY VERSE**

This sin of the young men was very great in the Lord’s sight, for they were treating the Lord’s offering with contempt. -

**WHAT DO I NEED TO ASK?**

(Icebreaker) What do you think about Hannah dropping off her child at the church to be raised by the pastor? Should we consider embracing this at Northridge? Why or why not?

What do you think of the fact that the church is sending $2500 every week of this series to a different ministry partner or organization? Are they crazy for pulling the trigger before they see if giving goes up?

Read 1 Samuel 2:17. What are some of the ways that we treat the Lord’s offering with contempt?

Which of the 3 strategies for serious consideration impact your heart the most (Recognize that it all belongs to him, give with a cheerful heart, address improper behavior)? Are there any other strategies you can think of?

If you make giving a part of your worship experience at Northridge, why do you choose to do that? What would you say to people who are hesitant to give to the church?

We learned during the message that the sin of Eli’s sons would not stop God’s blessings from flowing, but that it would stop his blessings from flowing through them. How should this simple truth motivate a higher level of obedient, faith-filled generosity?