

A group of people are seated at a table in a restaurant, dining. The scene is dimly lit with warm, ambient lighting. In the foreground, a hand is seen holding a skewer of food. The table is set with various dishes, including a large bowl of food, a glass of wine, and a dark bottle. The background shows other diners and the interior of the restaurant, which is slightly out of focus. A semi-transparent dark purple rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text.

Glorify the Creator

Ephesians 6:4

*“The Role of Parents is to
Glorify the Creator”*

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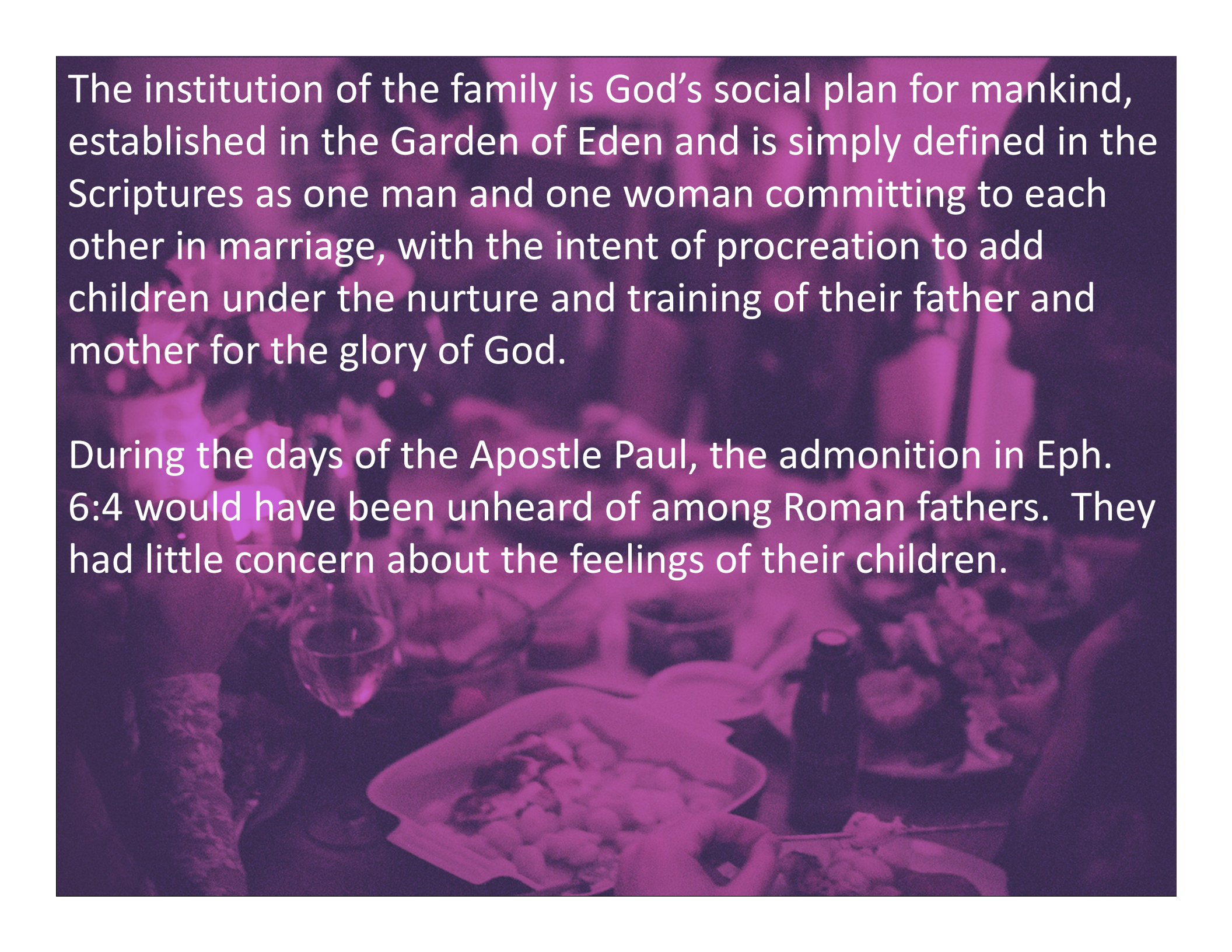
“The Role of Parents is to Glorify the Creator”

Review

I. THE ROLE OF MARRIAGE IS TO GLORIFY THE CREATOR

II. THE ROLE OF THE HUSBAND IS TO GLORIFY THE CREATOR

III. THE ROLE OF THE WIFE IS TO GLORIFY THE CREATOR

The background image shows a restaurant table with various dishes, including a large plate of food, a glass of wine, and a bottle. The lighting is warm and low, creating a cozy atmosphere. The text is overlaid on this image in a white, sans-serif font.

The institution of the family is God's social plan for mankind, established in the Garden of Eden and is simply defined in the Scriptures as one man and one woman committing to each other in marriage, with the intent of procreation to add children under the nurture and training of their father and mother for the glory of God.

During the days of the Apostle Paul, the admonition in Eph. 6:4 would have been unheard of among Roman fathers. They had little concern about the feelings of their children.

Patria potestas, (Latin: “power of a father”), in Roman family law, power that the male head of a family exercised over his children and his more remote descendants in the male line, whatever their age, as well as over those brought into the family by adoption. This power meant originally not only that he had control over the persons of his children, amounting even to a right to inflict capital punishment, but that he alone had any rights in private law.

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/patria-potestas>

A first century jurist recounts the story of a man in the early days of the Republic beating his wife to death because she had drunk some wine. His neighbors approved.

Valerius Maximus, *Memorable Deeds and Sayings*, 6.3.9-12

<http://www.womenintheancientworld.com/patriapotestas.htm>

IV. THE ROLE OF PARENTS IS TO GLORIFY THE CREATOR

A. Parents Must Consider their Methods –

“...provoke not your children to wrath...”

1. The Development of Children

2. The Discipline of Children

Eph. 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

B. Parents Must Consider their Motives – “...but bring them up in the nurture and admonition...”

- The first part of verse 4 is what not to do, and the last part is positive about what parents ARE to do.

- Children are loaned to us from God, for us to “bring them up” for His glory!

Original Word: ἐκτρέφω

Transliteration: ektrephó

Definition: I nourish, nurture, bring up.

ektréphō – **properly, feed (nourish out), (i.e. to its needed outcome).** (*ektréphō*) suggests "effectively nourish, nurture" (sustain, Eph 5:29) – or "nourish *out* (up) to *maturity*" (J. Thayer), i.e. to *rear*, raise (train up, *WP*, Eph 6:4).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1625.htm>

Eph. 5:29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but **nourisheth** and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

- In order to “bring them up,” parents must have a goal in mind – **maturity**.

Prov. 22:6 **Train up** a child in **the way** he should **go**: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

- Nurturing is about action – what parents need to do to “bring up” their children.

Original Word: παιδεία

Transliteration: paideia

Definition: discipline; training and education of children, hence: instruction; chastisement, correction, (**nurture**)

paideía – **properly, instruction that trains someone to reach full development (maturity)**. <http://biblehub.com/greek/3809.htm>

- Nurturing is the process to attain the goal of reaching maturity, including all that is involved to achieve it – education, diet, exercise, spiritual example and training.

παιδεία

1. The whole training and education of children (which relates to the cultivation of mind and morals, and employs for this purpose now commands and admonitions, now reproof and punishment):

Ephesians 6:4

2. "Whatever in adults also cultivates the soul, especially by correcting mistakes and curbing the passions ";

a. Instruction which aims at the increase of virtue: 2 Timothy 3:16.

b. According to Biblical usage chastisement, chastening (of the evils with which God visits men for their amendment): Hebrews 12:5 (Proverbs 3:11), Hebrews 12:7f (see ὑπομένω, 2 b.), Hebrews 12:11; (Proverbs 15:5) <https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongsg3809&t=KJV>

- “Admonition” is more about words, what is *spoken* for encouragement, exhortation, correction, etc.

Original Word: νοουθεσία

Transliteration: nouthesia

Definition: a warning, admonition, counsel.

Nouthesía – properly, setting (placing) the *mind* through *God-inspired warning* ("admonition").

Nouthesía ("warning through teaching") *improves a person's reasoning* so they can reach *God's solution* – i.e. by going through *His thought-process*.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3559.htm>

*“To put it simply, **nouthetic counseling** consists of lovingly confronting people out of deep concern in order to help them make those changes that God requires.”*

<http://www.nouthetic.org/about-ins/what-is-nouthetic-counseling>

admonition

1. To caution, advise, or counsel against something.
2. To reprove or scold, especially in a mild and good-willed manner:
3. To urge to a duty; remind:

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/admonish>

C. Parents Must Consider their Means – “...of the Lord.”

Phil. 4:13 I can do all things **through Christ** which strengtheneth me.

Conclusion

Deut. 11:19 And **ye shall teach them your children**, speaking of them **when thou sittest in thine house**, and **when thou walkest by the way**, **when thou liest down**, and **when thou risest up**.

20 And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:

21 **That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children**, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

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Titus 2:11 For **the grace of God** that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 **Teaching** us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, **we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;**

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 **Who gave himself for us**, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.