

FATHER'S DAY 2018
*"Seven Characteristics of What
a Godly Father Does"*

Eph. 6:4

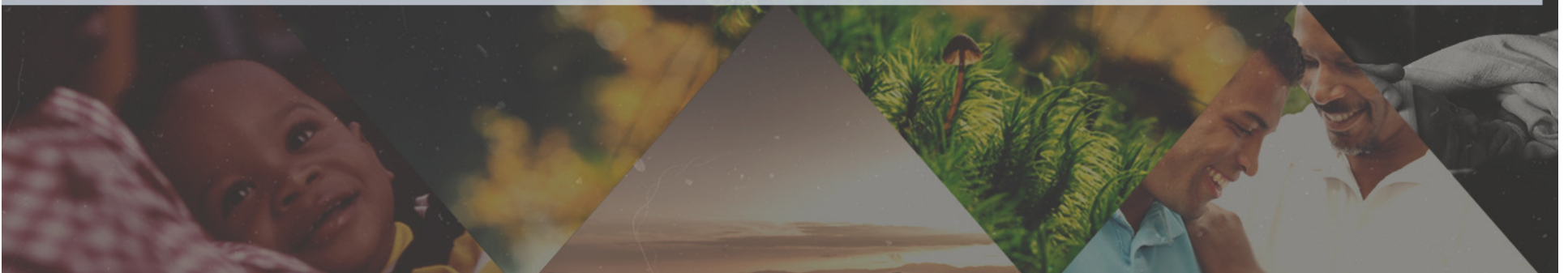
"And, ye **fathers**, provoke not
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**bring them up in the nurture
and admonition of the Lord."**

I. A GODLY FATHER MUST LEAD

Gen. 18:19 For I know him, that **he will command his children and his household after him**, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

A. The Relationship of a Godly Father – “For I know him...”

B. The Results of a Godly Father – leadership & faithfulness



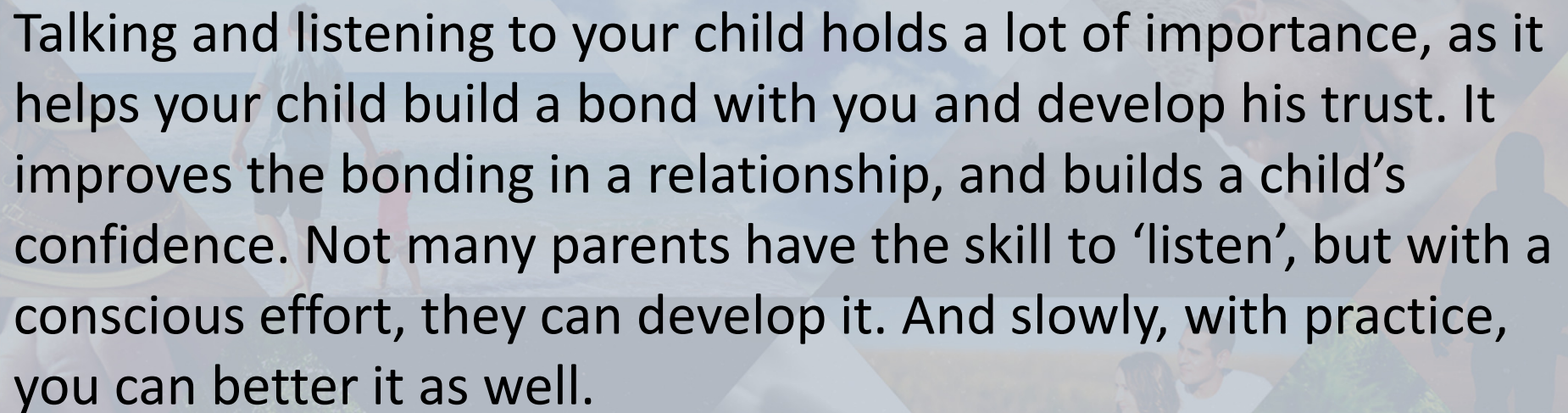
Josh. 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, **choose you this day whom ye will serve**; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: **but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**

II. A GODLY FATHER MUST LISTEN

Prov. 18:13 He that answereth a matter **before he heareth it**, it *is* folly and shame unto him.

A. Listen to lead

Prov. 1:5 **A wise man will hear**, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:



Talking and listening to your child holds a lot of importance, as it helps your child build a bond with you and develop his trust. It improves the bonding in a relationship, and builds a child's confidence. Not many parents have the skill to 'listen', but with a conscious effort, they can develop it. And slowly, with practice, you can better it as well.

When you are trying to talk or communicate with your child you should:

Encourage your child to open up with you by talking

Be patient and listen to your child while he puts his feelings and thoughts across

Respond in a sensitive way to everything that he says, good or bad

Focus on body language and actions, so as to understand the non-verbal forms of his communication

<https://www.beingtheparent.com/why-is-it-important-to-listen-to-your-child/>

B. Lead to listen

- A godly father teaches his children the value of listening by implementing the principle himself – LEAD BY DOING.

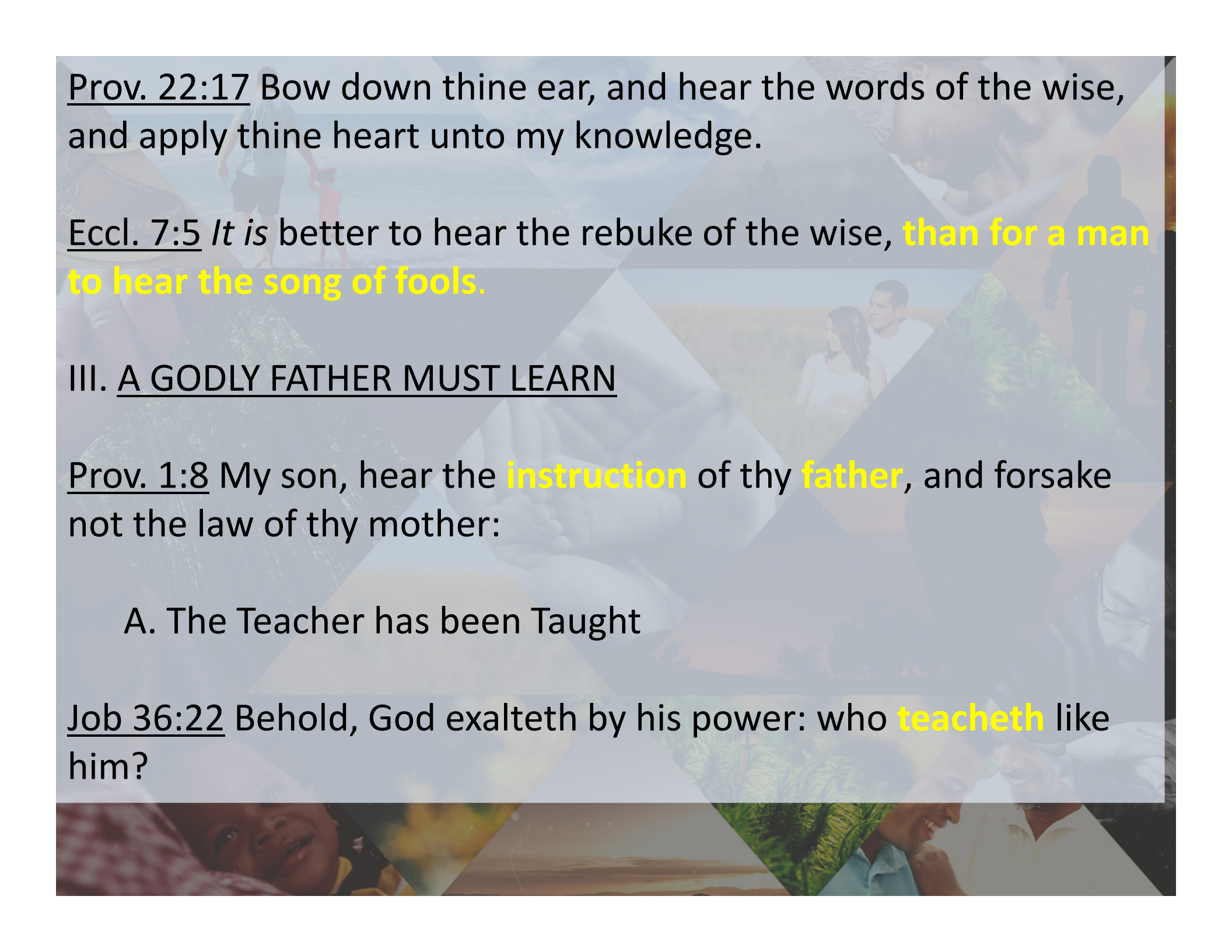
Prov. 4:1 **Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father**, and attend to know understanding.

Prov. 8:33 **Hear instruction, and be wise**, and refuse it not.

Prov. 23:19 **Hear thou, my son**, and be wise, and **guide thine heart in the way**.

Prov. 19:20 **Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end. ...**

27 **Cease, my son, to hear the instruction *that causeth to err* from the words of knowledge.**



Prov. 22:17 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

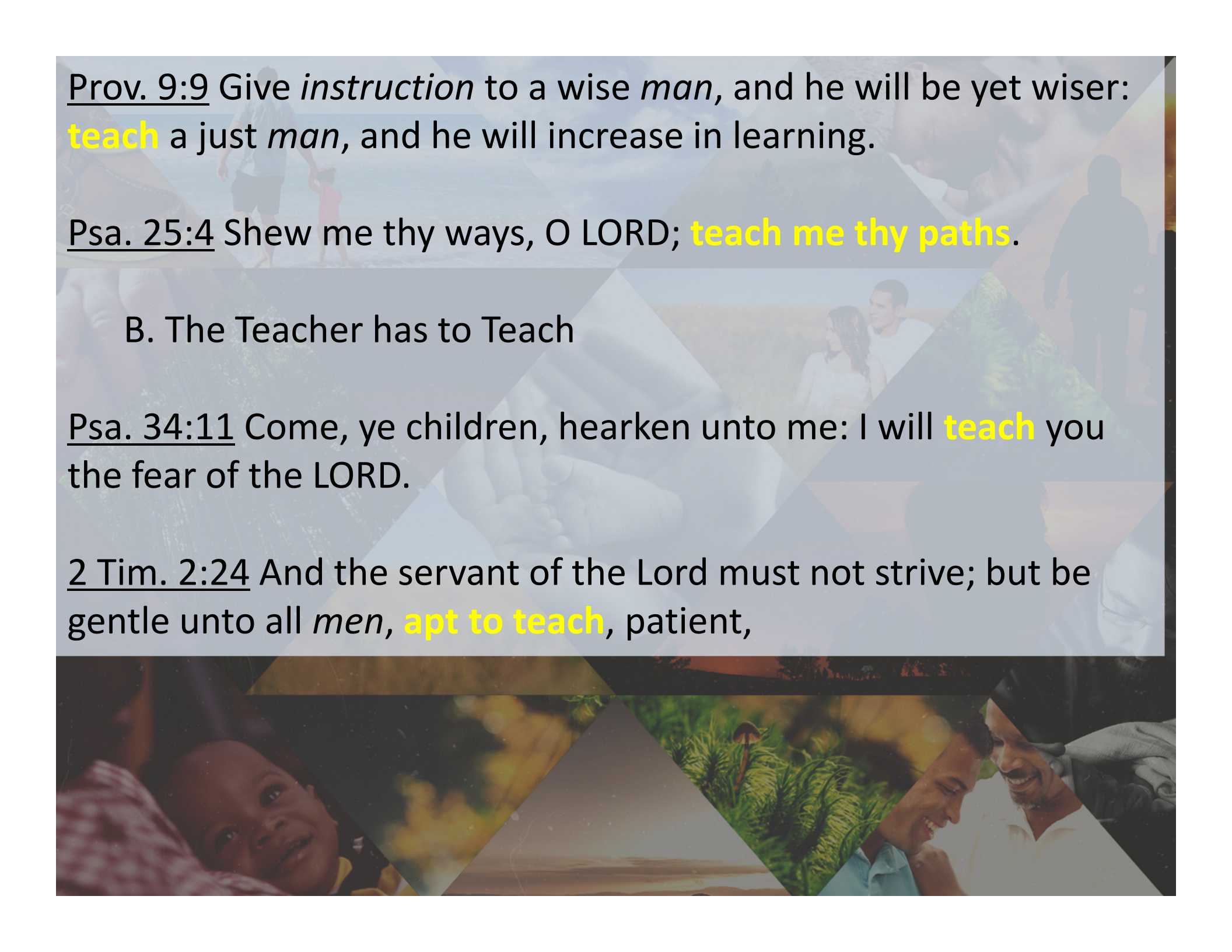
Eccl. 7:5 *It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, **than for a man to hear the song of fools.***

III. A GODLY FATHER MUST LEARN

Prov. 1:8 My son, hear the **instruction** of thy **father**, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

A. The Teacher has been Taught

Job 36:22 Behold, God exalteth by his power: who **teacheth** like him?



Prov. 9:9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser:
teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning.

Psa. 25:4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD; **teach me thy paths**.

B. The Teacher has to Teach

Psa. 34:11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will **teach** you
the fear of the LORD.

2 Tim. 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be
gentle unto all *men*, **apt to teach**, patient,

IV. A GODLY FATHER MUST LET

Eph. 5:31 For this cause shall a man **leave** his **father** and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

A. The Preparation for Living = Father's Role

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

B. The Preparation for Leaving = Father's Release

Eph. 5:31 For this cause shall a man **leave** his **father** and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

V. A GODLY FATHER MUST LOVE

Jn. 3:35 The **Father loveth** the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

Jn. 5:20 For the **Father loveth** the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

A. Love that is Tangible

1 Jn. 3:18 My little children, let us not **love** in word, neither in tongue; but in **deed** and in truth.

B. Love that is Tough

Prov. 3:12 For whom the LORD **loveth** he correcteth; even as a **father** the son *in whom* he delighteth.

C. Love that is Tender

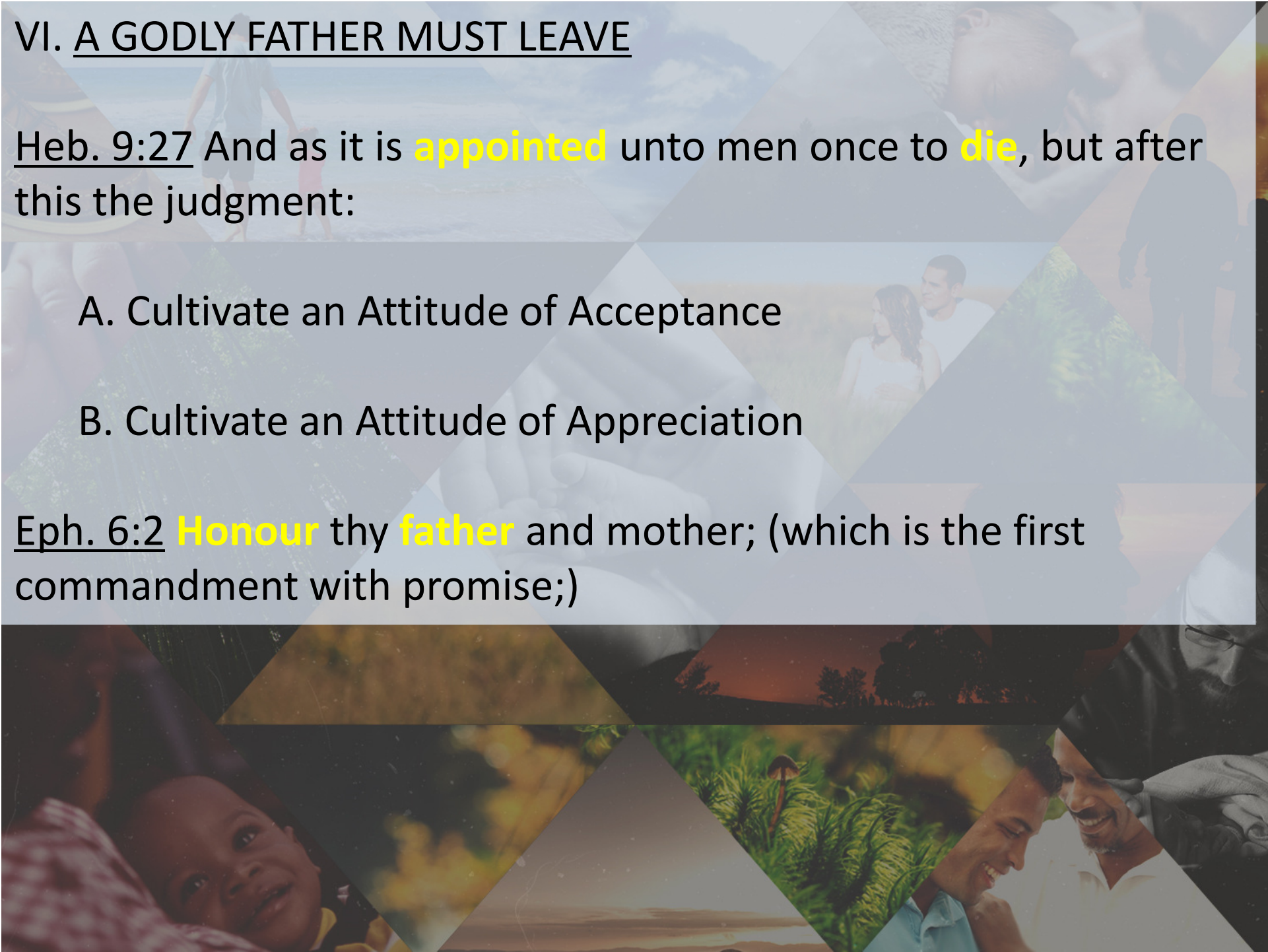
Eph. 6:4 And, ye **fathers**, provoke not your **children** to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Col. 3:21 **Fathers**, provoke not your **children** *to anger*, lest they be discouraged.

D. Love that is Trustworthy

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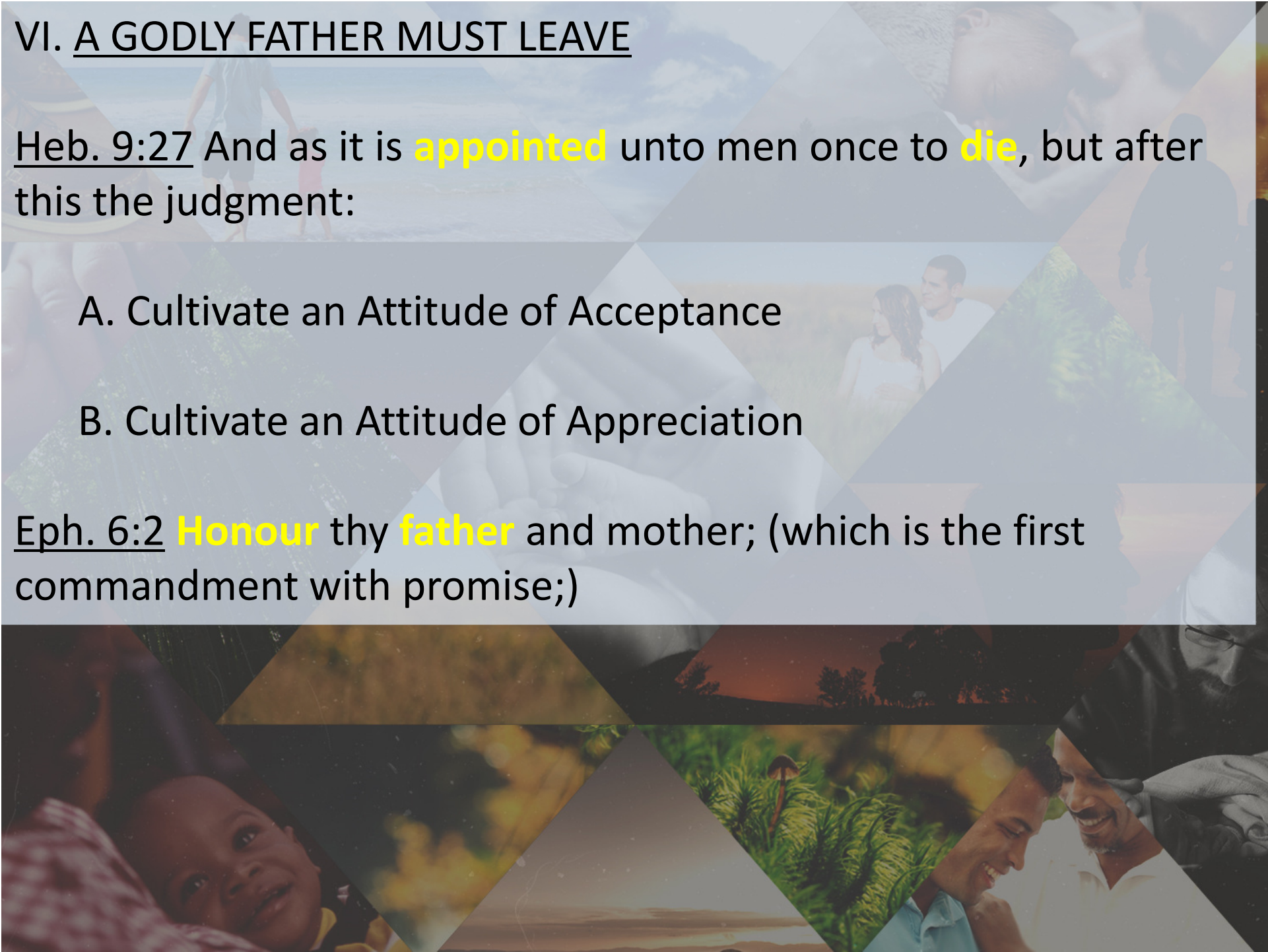


VI. A GODLY FATHER MUST LEAVE

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Eph. 6:2 **Honour** thy **father** and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

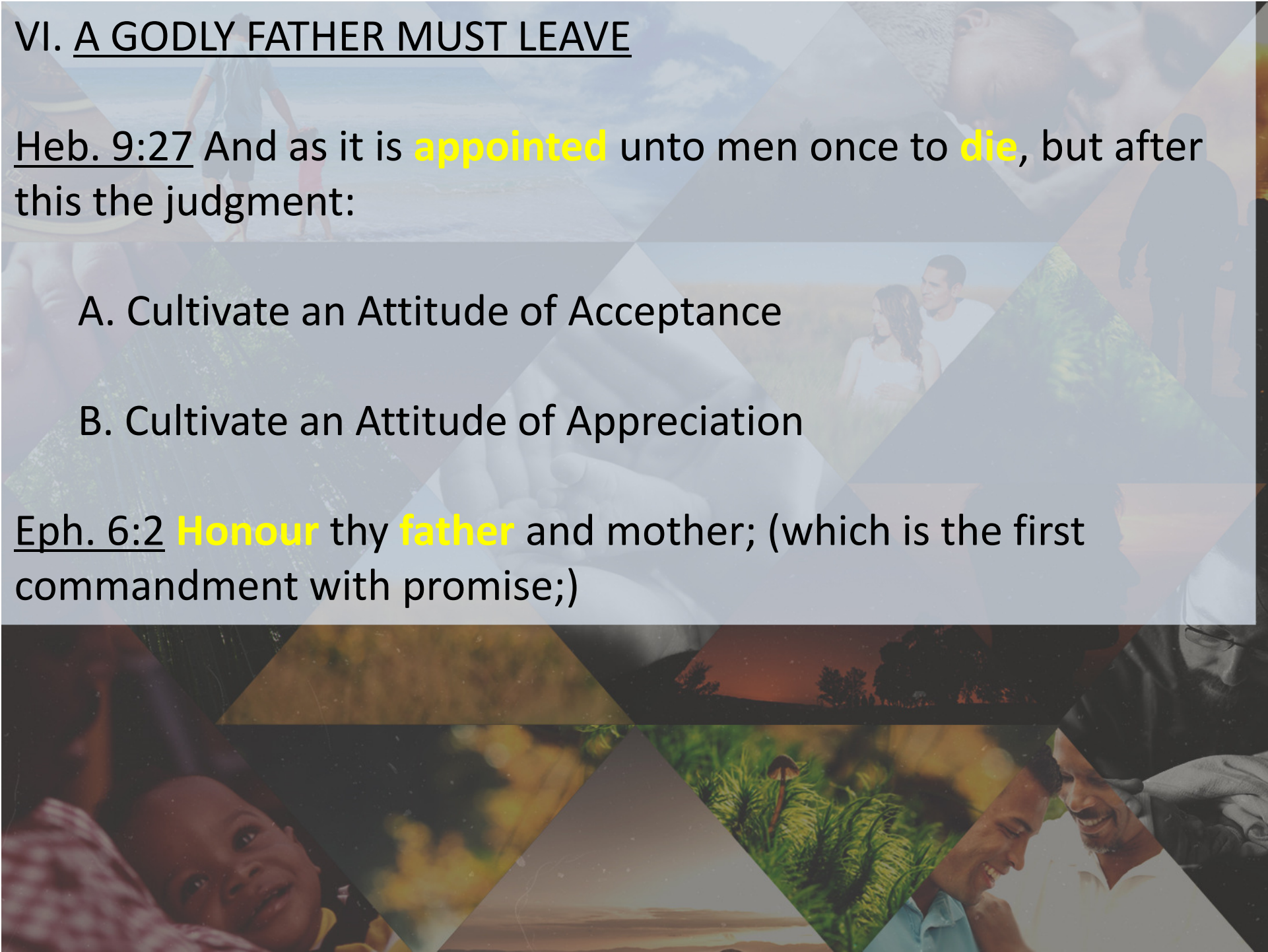


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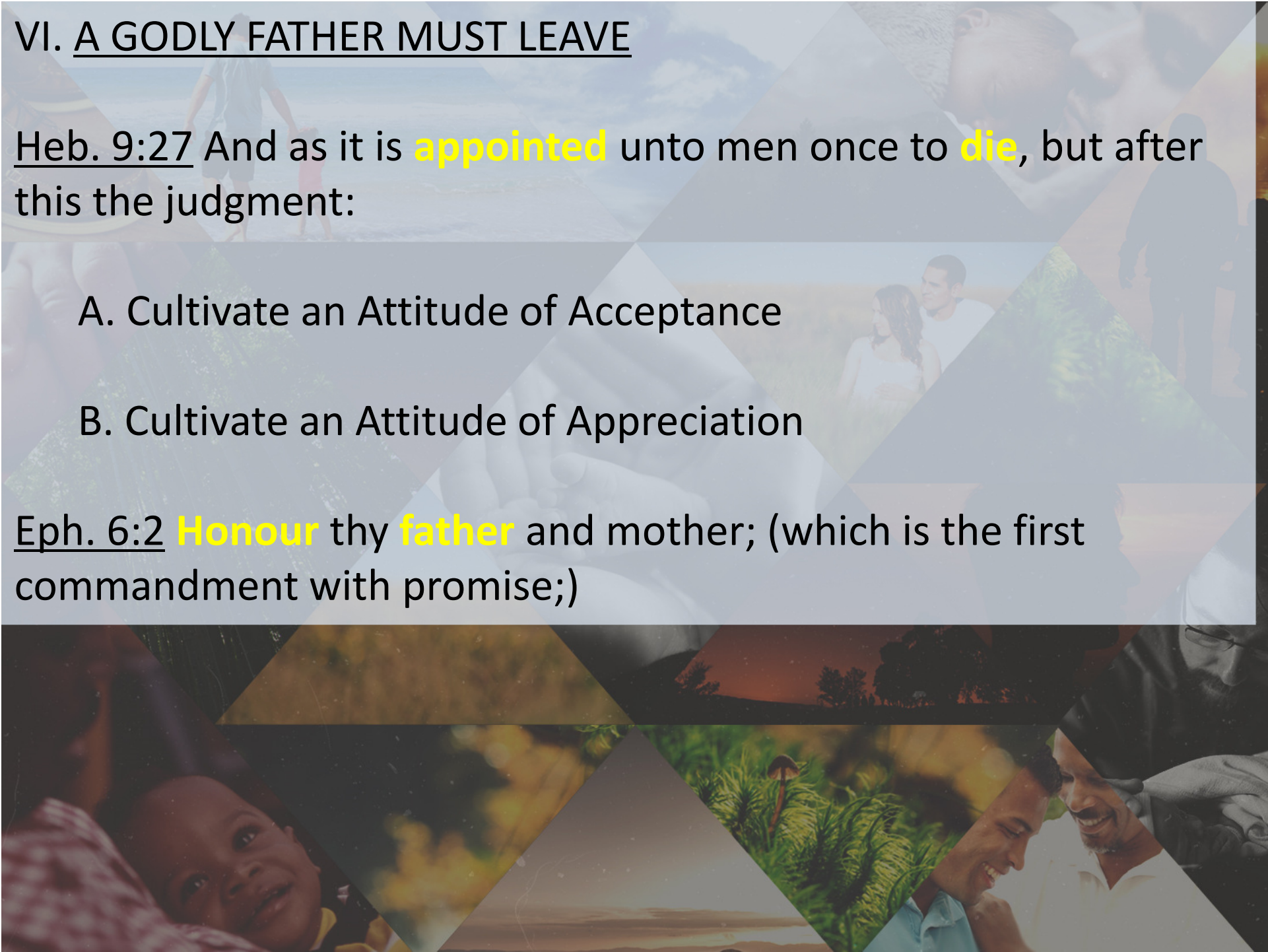


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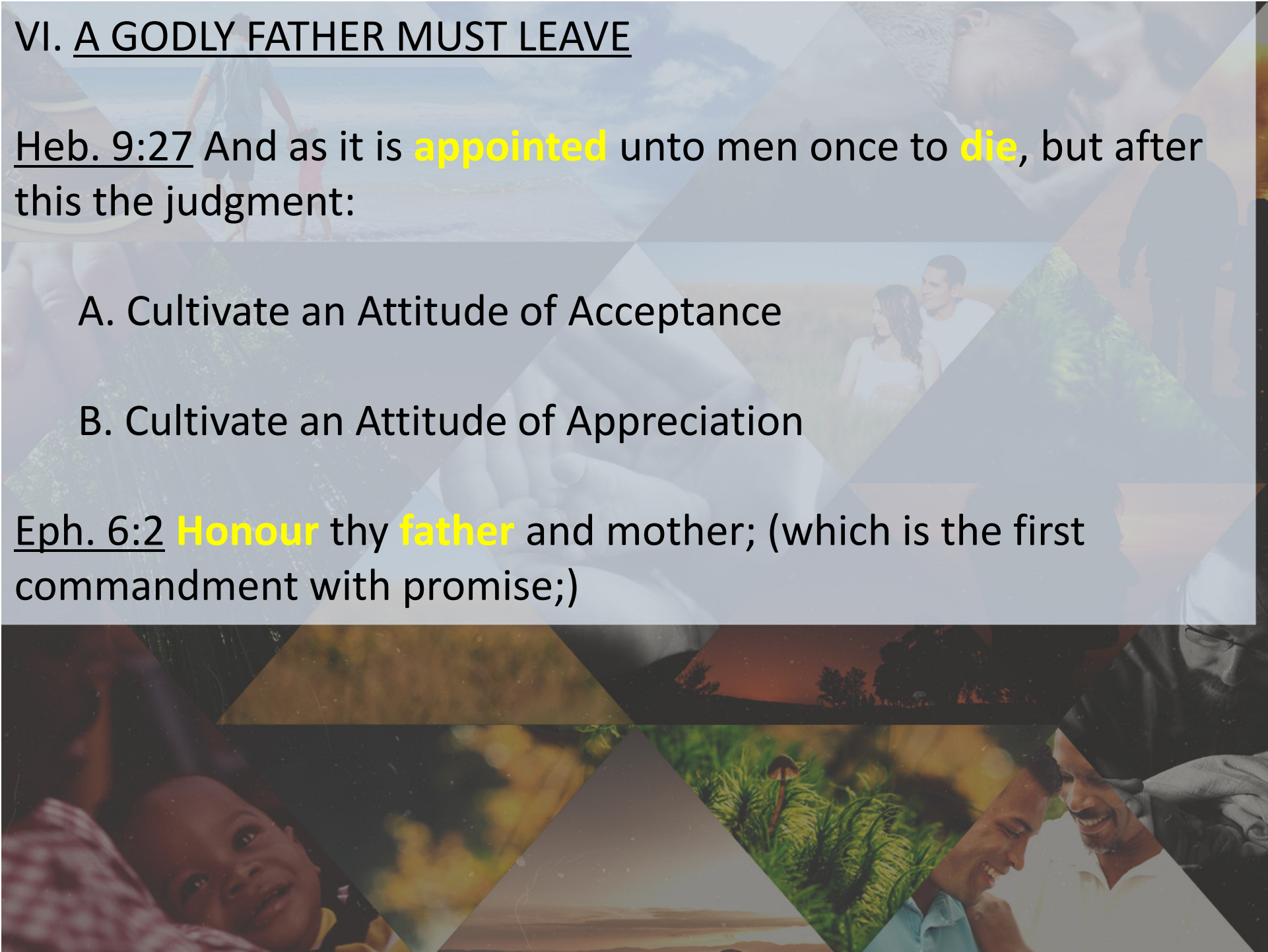


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VII. A GODLY FATHER MUST LIVE

Heb. 13:18 Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing **to live** honestly.

A. A Good Father Must Be Honest

B. A Good Father Must Be Holy

1 Pet. 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so **be ye holy** in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, **Be ye holy**; for I am holy.

Phil. 1:21 For to me **to live** *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

Conclusion

Prov. 13:1 A wise son *heareth* his **father's instruction**: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.

Prov. 15:5 A fool despiseth his **father's instruction**: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

Jn. 12:26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: **if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.**

2 Pet. 1:17 For **he received from God the Father honour** and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.