



Glorify the Creator

Ephesians 6:4

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



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

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Review

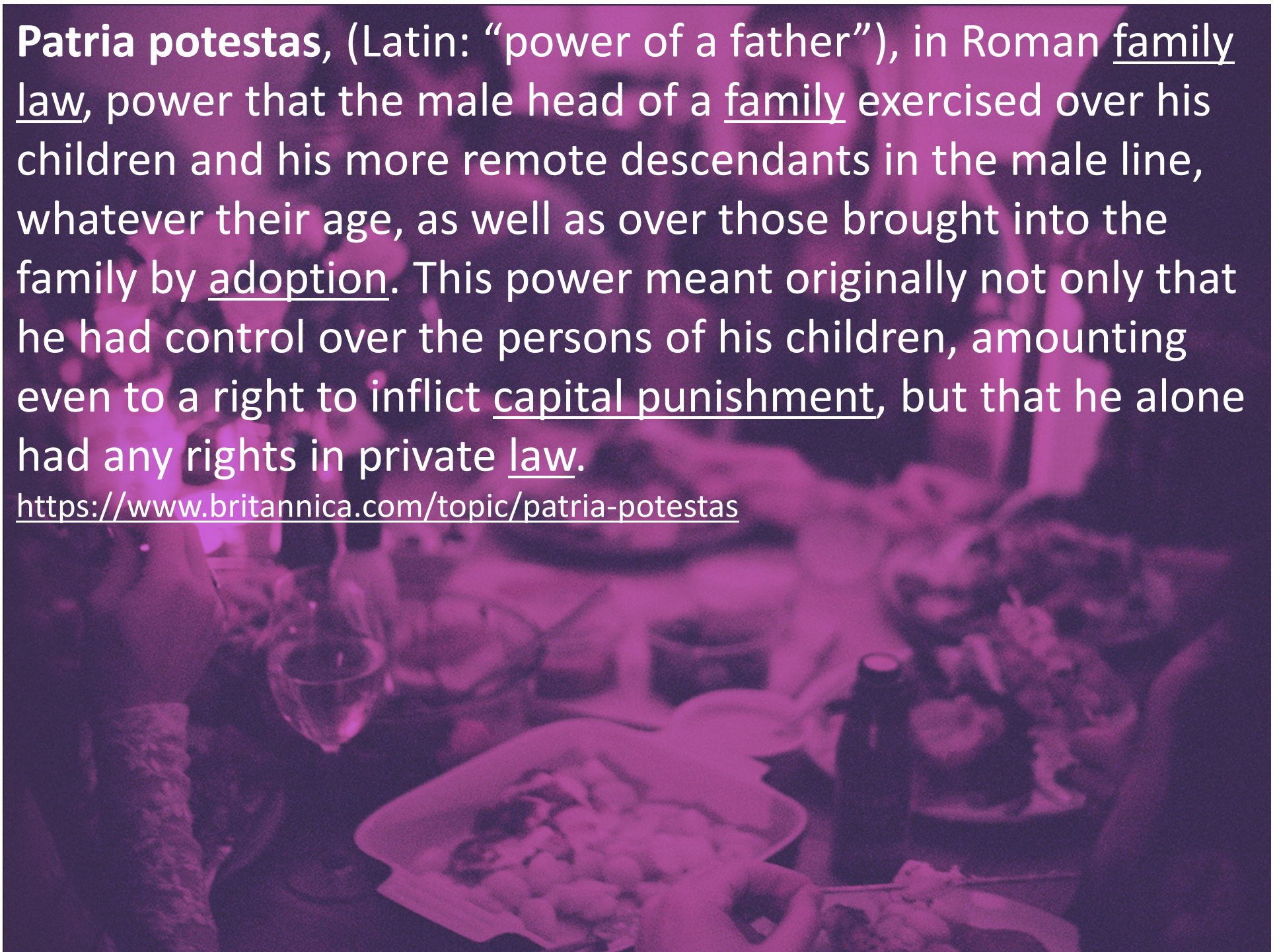
I. THE ROLE OF MARRIAGE IS TO GLORIFY THE CREATOR

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

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

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.

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IV. THE ROLE OF PARENTS IS TO GLORIFY THE CREATOR

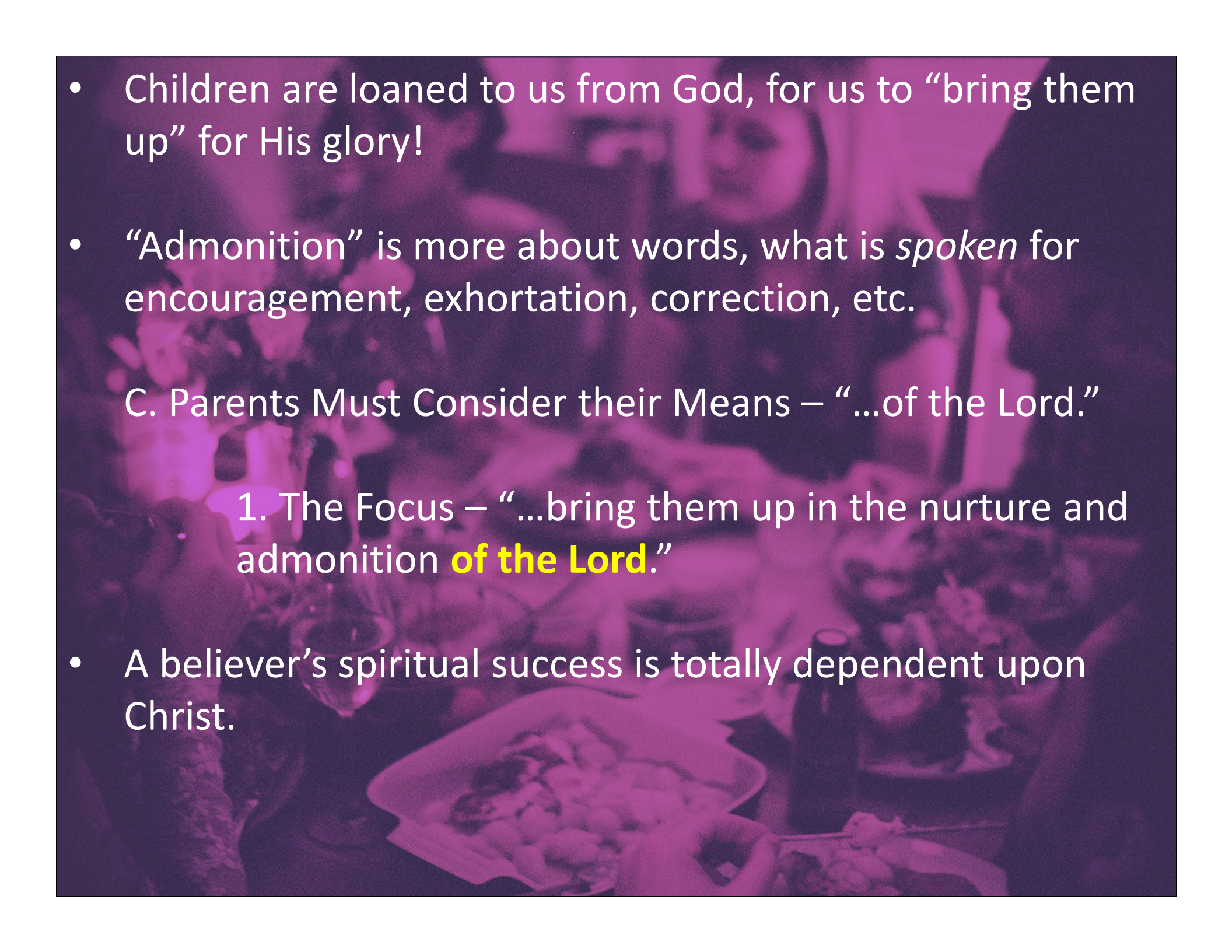
A. Parents Must Consider their Methods –
“...provoke not your children to wrath...”

1. The Development of Children

2. The Discipline of Children

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.

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- Children are loaned to us from God, for us to “bring them up” for His glory!
 - “Admonition” is more about words, what is *spoken* for encouragement, exhortation, correction, etc.

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

1. The Focus – “...bring them up in the nurture and admonition **of the Lord.**”
- A believer’s spiritual success is totally dependent upon Christ.

Jn. 15:5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: **for without me ye can do nothing.**

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

2. The Faithfulness – “...bring them up...**of the Lord.**”

1 Cor. 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man **be found faithful.**

- Spiritually successful parents must be in constant fellowship with Christ.

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- Purposeful prayers are constant reminders of continual dependence upon Christ.

Eph. 3:14 **For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

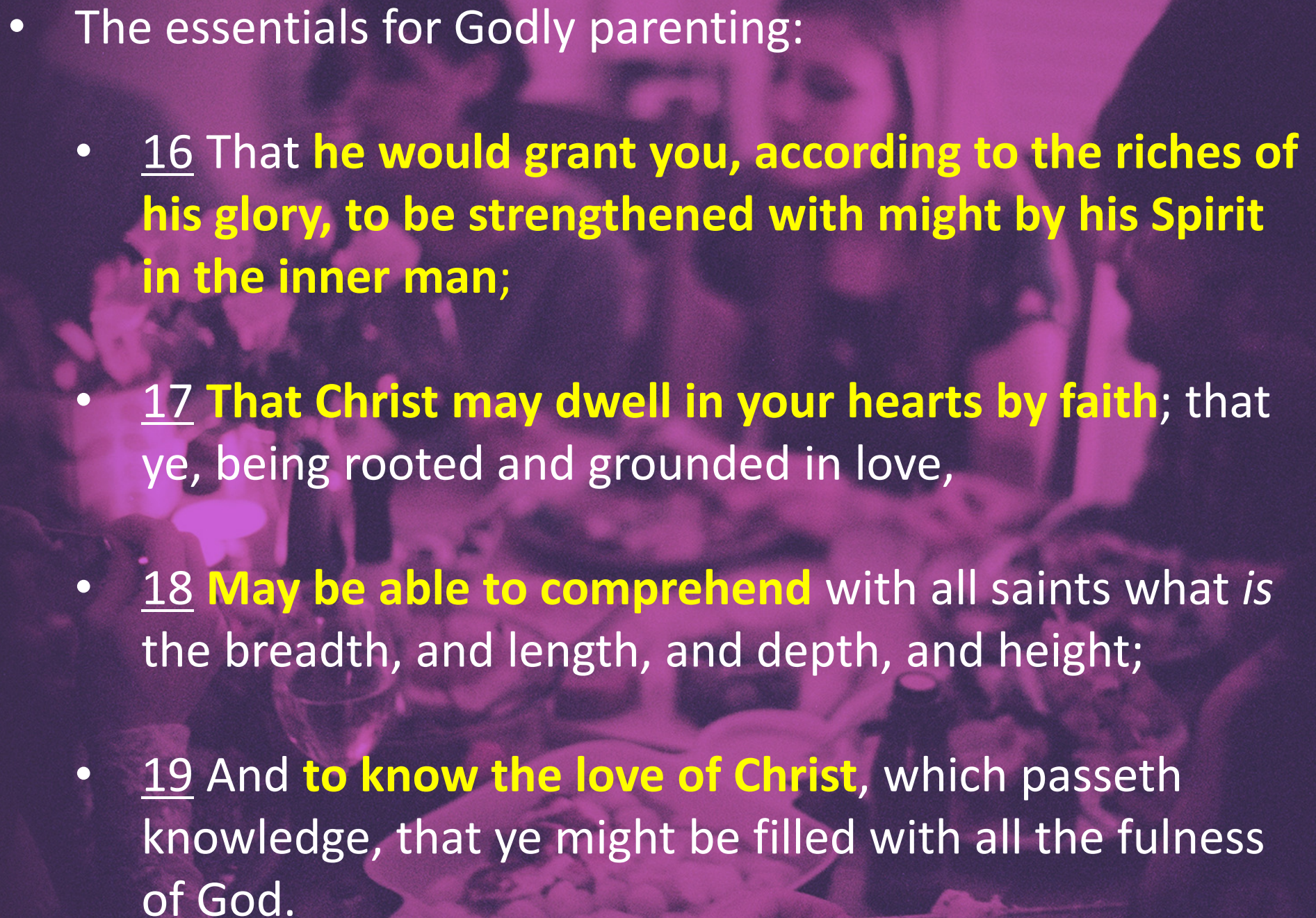
15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

16 That **he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**

17 **That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;** that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

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- The essentials for Godly parenting:
 - 16 That **he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**
 - 17 **That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;** that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
 - 18 **May be able to comprehend** with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
 - 19 And **to know the love of Christ**, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

The Summary:

- Parents need spiritual strength – “...**to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**”
- Parents need to be rooted and grounded in love based upon faith in Christ – “**That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;** that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,”
- Parents need spiritual comprehension evident to the understanding of their children – “May be **able to comprehend** with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

- Parents need to be filled with love of Christ and fulness of God – “And **to know the love of Christ**, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be **filled with all the fulness of God.**”

To know the love of Christ, effectually in life, is to know and fulfill Gal. 2:20:

Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and **the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.**



Conclusion

Parents must be focused and faithful to be pleasing to God:

Jn. 8:29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for **I do always those things that please him.**

Rom. 8:8 So then **they that are in the flesh cannot please God.**

Rom .15:3 For **even Christ pleased not himself**; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

2 Tim. 3:4 Traitors, heady, highminded, **lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;**

5 **Having a form of godliness,** but denying the power thereof: **from such turn away.**

Phil. 2:13 For it is **God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.**

Col. 1:10 That ye might **walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing,** being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Col. 3:20 Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for **this is well pleasing unto the Lord.**

1 Thess. 4:1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort *you* by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how **ye ought to walk and to please God,** so ye would abound more and more.



2 Tim. 2:4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; **that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.**

Heb. 11:6 But **without faith it is impossible to please him**: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

1 Jn. 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, **and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.**

Rev. 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for **thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**