

“Verbal plenary inspiration is an important concept and tenet of the Christian faith. God’s inspiration of the text of Scripture extends to the very words themselves and to all parts of Scripture and all subject matters of Scripture. The doctrine of verbal plenary inspiration stands in contrast to the belief that only parts of the Bible are inspired or that only the thoughts or concepts that deal with religion are inspired. Verbal plenary inspiration is an essential characteristic of the Word of God, as His words reveal who He is and what He has done for us through Christ.”

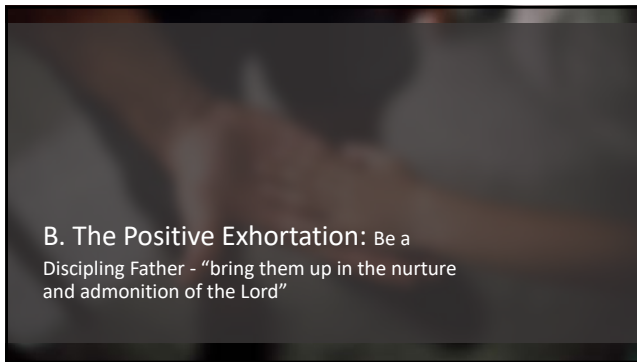
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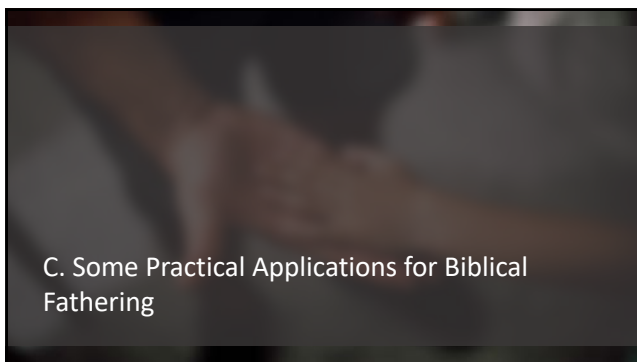
A. The Negative Exhortation:

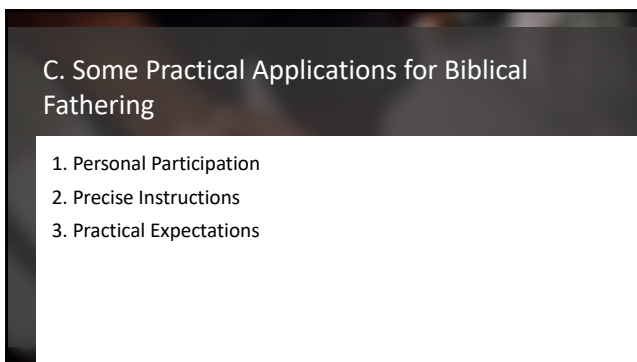
Do Not Be a Discouraging Father - “provoke not your children to wrath”

“Hendriksen listed some additional ways in which parents may become guilty of exasperating their children: (1) by over-protection, (2) by favoritism, (3) by discouragement, (4) by failure to make allowance for the fact that the child is growing up, has a right to have ideas of his own, and need not be an exact copy of his father to be a success, (5) by neglect, and (6) by bitter words and outright physical cruelty.”

Thomas Constable







“Fathers need to affectionately communicate love and acceptance for who the child is, not for what he/she can do.”

H. Norman Wright

“What a fragile flower a child is. He can be so easily crushed by his parents, or he can be made to blossom beyond expectation, bringing untold joy to his parents and himself.”

R. Kent Hughes

C. Some Practical Applications for Biblical Fathering

1. Personal Participation
2. Precise Instructions
3. Practical Expectations
4. Passionate Determination
5. Prompt Ramifications

