

**This is an invitation to attend the Young Families' class for the Fall Quarter, which begins August 3.**

**Tackling Parenting's Most Difficult Topics by Jay Burcham**

This class will tackle some of the difficult issues parents of both younger and older children face today. The class will take an honest and frank approach to dealing with topics that truly worry parents but are typically avoided in Bible class settings. Each topic will be approached from a clinical, practical, and more importantly Biblical perspective.

**Lesson 1** – What Keeps Parents Awake at Night – an informational lesson outlining the studies of common parental fears. This is an important foundational lesson because it lets parents know that they are not alone in facing some of these perplexing issues.

**Lesson 2** – Keeping Your Kids Safe – a look at the dangers faced by young children in a highly sexualized and aggressive world. This class will focus on the parental responsibilities of vigilance and diligence.

**Lesson 3** – Keeping Your Kids Safe Part 2 – a look at the safety issues facing socially independent teens and adolescents. This class will focus on the transitional dangers preteens and teens face as they move towards social independence.

**Lesson 4** – Discipline and Your Child – a look at the process of discipline and how punishment is incorporated into the discipline process.

**Lesson 5** – Kids and the Internet – a frank discussion of the risks and the moral vacuum of the internet. This discussion will focus on the targeting of children by pornographers as well as pop-culture purveyors.

**Lesson 6** – Kids and the Internet – a frank discussion on the process of cyber-bullying. Cyber-bullying is the fastest growing bully related issue in this nation and very few parents have thought through the process of dealing with their child as the bully or the recipient of bullying behaviors.

**Lesson 7** – Sexuality and the Young Child – a frank discussion on how a young child explores his or her body and how it should be dealt with in order to create reasonable boundaries without causing self-image issues.

**Lesson 8** – Sexuality and the Teen – a frank discussion on the sexualization of teens and how today's culture is defining sexuality. This lesson deals specifically with role models, dress, language, and parental responsibility of each.

**Lesson 9** – The Boundaries of Acceptable Behavior – a frank discussion on the definitions of sexual activity, masturbation, and our society’s lax views on what is acceptable versus what is promiscuous.

**Lesson 10** – Kids and Substances – hard look at the most readily accessible drugs for kids of different ages. This will be a discussion on the prevalence of drugs, including alcohol and tobacco, in today’s youth based culture. The discussion will include warning signs of substance use and the process for proactively teaching younger children how to say no.

**Lesson 11** – Role Models and Our Society – a frank discussion on the people who are lifted as role models for young children, preteens and teenagers. This will be a discussion on the need for parents to define acceptable role model traits and the need to be involved enough to know who their kids are looking up to.

**Lesson 12** – Why Media Matters – a frank discussion on the influence of television, music, and movies on our kids. This discussion will include the boundaries of acceptable behavior as defined by media versus what we, as Christians, define as acceptable.

**Lesson 13** – Teaching Your Child to Love God – the final lesson is an outline of how parents can teach their children at different ages how they are loved by God and the responsibility that comes with His affection.