

## Parenting Class

### Session 3 Ambassador Parenting

#### I. We are Christ's Ambassadors

a. The process is as important or more important than the results

b. Your motivation

c. Your Job: reveal God as HOLY

#### **Parenting Session 3 Homework:**

Of the 3 types of wrong motives (pleasing self, pleasing others, and sinful fear), which one(s) do you struggle with the most? Give examples. Then come up with a put off and put on list : this is how you will overcome the sin.

List some areas in your parenting where you need to trust God more.

We all have areas where our balance is off. Parenting is no different. For example we can spend more effort focused on our child's external actions over their internal heart issues. Spend some time thinking about your strengths and weaknesses in the following areas:

- External and Internal (Matt. 5-6)
- Do you focus on controlling your child's behavior without addressing the heart?
  
- Freedom and Responsibility (Gal. 5:13, 14; 1 Peter 2:16)
- This area gets off balance when we give too much freedom on one hand without balancing restrictions and responsibility
- With younger children structure is important in their day so they need you to do this. When they are a little older they can help organize their schedule.
  
- Friendship and Authority (Jas. 2:23)
- Abraham was a friend of God but it was balanced due to His submission to God as his authority.
- Phil 2 says that Jesus is our friend and our Lord. In a similar way, balance must exist between our friendship with our children and our authority over them.
  
- Major issues and Minor Issues (Matt. 23:23-24)
- For example, we need to be more concerned about who pushes his sibling out of his way to be first over the unmade bed or hands that still have dirt after washing them.