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**Course outline:**

Week 1 – God’s Purpose for the Family

Week 2 – The Ministry of the Family to the Church & the World

Week 3 – Family Worship

Week 4 – Getting to the Heart of Behavior

Week 5 – Formative Discipline: Our Words to Their Hearts

Week 6 – What to Do When You Can’t Reach the Heart

Week 7 – Corrective Discipline: The Rod of Correction

Week 8 – Boys & Fatherhood

Week 9 – Girls & Motherhood

Week 10 – The Teen Years

Week 11 – Panel Discussion

Week 12 -- Children, Technology & Social Media

**Week 13 – The Gospel and the Overzealous Parent**

**Core Seminars – Christian Life**

**Parenthood**

*Week 13*

**Conclusion:**

**The Gospel & the Overzealous Parent**

▪ **Introduction**

○ **Where we’ve been** (*see other handout*)

○ **The temptation of tiger parenting**

○ **The spiritual tiger parent**

○ **The question:**

Is being a Christian parent a tremendously important, comprehensive, often-difficult job that requires great resolve and discipline and self-sacrifice, or are we putting too much pressure on ourselves?

- **The answer:**

“Work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.” –Phil. 2:12-13.

“Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.”  
–Ps . 127:1.

**As parents and caregivers, we work with all our hearts—  
but ultimately rest in God’s perfect and sovereign  
parenthood.**

- **To rest in God’s parenthood, seven “don’ts”:**

- **Don’t miss it**

- **Don’t be hypercritical**

- **Don’t be surprised by disobedience**

- **Don’t assume you know how they’ll turn out**

- **Don’t fear**

- **Don’t pretend you have it all together**

- **Don’t be only “transcendent”**