

Texas Home School Coalition

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We look forward to being with you! Thanks!

Tim and Lyndsay

Talks by Tim Lambert

What Every Texas Home Schooler Needs to Know

Tim Lambert, president of the THSC, explains the law concerning home schooling and tells the history of home education in Texas and the nation. He relates ways home schooling families can avoid problems with school authorities and procedures for being prepared for the truant officer or a social worker at the door. Tim also shares how home schoolers can answer those oft-asked questions such as, "What about socialization?"

For odd numbered years (This talk includes a legislative update in the years after a legislative session.):

Tim Lambert, president of the THSC, tells the history of home education in Texas and the nation, explains the law concerning home schooling, and gives an update on this year's legislative session and bills that might impact home education in Texas. He relates ways home schooling families can avoid problems with school authorities and procedures for being prepared for the truant officer or a social worker at the door. Tim also shares how home schoolers can answer those oft-asked questions such as, "What about socialization?"

So What's the Dad Supposed To Do?

What is a father's responsibility before the Lord? Aren't most home schools the domain of the mother? Tim Lambert, home schooling dad of 16 years, shares with dads about their part in a successful home school experience for their families.

Planning for the Future: What Comes After Graduation?

Tim talks about home schoolers going to college - how to plan and prepare. He also tells about apprenticeship, a time-tested approach to vocational preparation. Other options he addresses are trade schools, the military, and home management.

Courtship from a Father's Perspective

Tim explains the basics of courtship. This method of choosing a life-partner is enjoying a resurgence as young people and their families return to a more scriptural and positive approach. He discusses this issue from the perspective of a father whose role differs with sons and daughters.

Why Home School? A Vision for the Future

Tim talks about many reasons that more and more people believe the burgeoning home education movement has the potential to change our state, nation and, ultimately, the world for the better. Tim tells how home education has effected his family and church and how it is continuing to impact in our culture.

Homeschooling, a Vision for the Family

There is so much talk these days about the successes of home schoolers, especially in the area of academics. Tim Lambert, a dad involved in the home school movement for over twenty years, talks about how home schooling has impacted their family far beyond what was learned from the curriculum.

Fulfilling the Good Citizenship Requirement

Tim explains what our state government means when it requires us to teach “good citizenship” and talks about how to incorporate the subject into your school. He addresses maintaining priorities and keeping a balance between teaching the academics of government and politics and practicing activism in them at all levels. Tim encourages parents to take a synergistic approach to teaching their children about government in the classroom while participating in the governmental process in practical ways.

Dual Citizenship: A Christian and His Government

Tim Lambert, THSC president, discusses the Biblical basis for Christians' involvement in government - and how that involvement is vital to maintaining parents' rights to direct the education and upbringing of their children.

Talks by Lyndsay Lambert

Home Schooling: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Lyndsay Lambert gives an honest and realistic presentation of home schooling from the perspective of a 16-year veteran and mother of four. Besides discussing the ways that home schooling has blessed their family, she covers some of the problems encountered by home schoolers in this day and age and gives some tips on how to deal with them ... For the new home schooler, a preview of what to expect ... For the experienced home educator, a word of encouragement for the tough times.

The Terrible Twos Teens: Preparing for Adolescence

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The Terrible Teens: Dealing with Adolescents

Will home schooling make your teen “different”? Isn't that the point? Many problems with teens are associated with peer influences. As we home school and strive to raise our children to serve the Lord, we have the opportunity to overcome some of the “normal” problems of adolescence.

Home School Stress Syndrome

The word “burnout” evokes images of a final flickering flame, of a charred and empty shelf, of dying embers and cold gray ashes. Ever feel like that?

What are the causes of burnout? How can you avoid them? What can you do if you are experiencing symptoms already? Join Lyndsay for a frank discussion of problems home schoolers experience that often make them want to quit.

Getting Started

Where do I get curriculum? Do I have to make bulletin boards? How do I teach several grades at once? Do I need to have lesson plans and give grades? Lyndsay Lambert, 16-year home school veteran, answers these questions and more as she gives advice to beginning home schoolers.

Courtship, a Viable Alternative

Parents are looking for ways to raise godly children in an ungodly world. Lyndsay Lambert explains how she believes that courtship is one of the different approaches a family can take to reach that goal.

Confessions of an Organizationally Challenged Home School Mom

Not a natural organizer, Lyndsay shares ideas and tips she has learned over the years which have helped keep her home and school from going down the tube because of the mess. After all, with the large families that home schoolers often have, when things go bad, they go bad fast.

Keeping the Peace at Home

How do you deal with conflicts in the home? How can I teach my children how to get along? Lyndsay Lambert discusses scriptural principles as outlined by Peacemaker Ministries that can help you and your children learn how to overlook offences, ask for forgiveness, forgive each other and more--skills that important in the home and all other places for the rest of their lives.

Learning to Love Learning

If you taught a child to read, to write, to work with numbers, trained him in character, and gave him a love of learning, he could then educate himself. Reading, writing, and working with numbers are the tools of learning. Character is important because a lazy child will not put out the effort to educate himself; a proud child will not see the need to seek further learning. The love of learning is necessary for the young person to be motivated. But how does a home school mom communicate that love of learning?

No Money Back; No Guarantee But the Rewards of Obedience – Priceless!

All parents want their children to turn out well, but home schooling parents go the extra mile, they pour their lives into their children, and they sacrifice so much. Home schooling parents deserve to be successful, right?

There are many benefits to home educating our children, but there are no guarantees on the future. Lyndsay shares how letting go is hard especially for most home school parents, and she encourages parents to recognize that their children are individuals and that they will have to make their own choices at some time. As homeschooling parents, we must do all that we can do and leave the results in the Lord's hands, remembering that "God has not called us to be successful, but He has called us to be faithful."

Who's on First?

We women are wives, mothers, babysitters, taxi drivers, chief cooks and bottle washers, domestic engineers, etc. – now add teacher to that list. How in the world do you get it all done? Join Lyndsay as she takes an honest and realistic look at priorities for the home schooling mom.

What Was I Thinking?

As a home schooling mom, have you ever asked yourself, "What was I thinking?" Home educators often feel that they do not "measure up" or worry that they are ruining their children. Lyndsay Lambert, mother of four home school graduates (who are now productive members of society, to the surprise of some!), will share from her heart and experience about what our focus should be during the years that the Lord has given us with our precious children.

Talks by Tim and Lyndsay Lambert (together)

Ready, Set ... Now What Do I Do?

(It is best to have at least 2 hours for the presentation and some time for questions. It can be done in 1 hour plus question time if necessary. Works well right before a break so people can stay and ask questions if they want.)

Where do I get curriculum? Do I have to make bulletin boards? How do I teach several grades at once? Do I need to have lesson plans and give grades? Do I need a lawyer? What about socialization? Exactly what is the law in Texas concerning home schooling? Tim and Lyndsay Lambert answer these questions and more as they give advice to brand-new home schoolers.

Courtship: One Family's Perspective

Courtship, one method of choosing a life-partner, is enjoying a resurgence as young people and their families search for a more scriptural and positive approach than is currently in practice in our culture. Many homeschooling parents are turning to courtship as a way to continue in their efforts to raise godly children in an ungodly world.

Join the Lamberts as they explain their perspective on courtship. Lyndsay contrasts courtship with dating and explains the Lamberts' basic philosophy. Tim explains the practical basics of courtship and discusses this issue from the perspective of a father whose role differs with sons and daughters. They will also share the very different experiences their children have had in finding godly spouses.

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Talks by the Lambert Family

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Joining Tim and Lyndsay are their son and daughter-in-law who chose to follow the courtship model. Whatever you think about courtship, you'll enjoy this thoughtful and often lighthearted look at a real courtship relationship. Peter and Rita Lambert will talk about how they prepared for a relationship, the struggles they encountered, and of course their "happily ever after" ending.

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Talks for Support Group Leaders

Winning the Public Relations Battle (Tim)

Tim explains why good public relations is important to the home school community and how we can accomplish that by communicating the right message and dealing correctly with the media.

Home Schooling: a Vision for the Future (Tim)

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All Politics Is Local (Tim)

Organizing Your Organization (Tim)

Need advice about your governing documents? How organized must your organization be? What is necessary, and what is over-kill? This workshop will cover by-laws, constitutions, finances, officers, etc. Get answered these and other questions about these sometimes confusing issues!

Running Your Meetings by Parliamentary Procedure (Tim)

Learn how this tool can be used to make your board meetings and general meetings run more smoothly and quickly. You will even get some hands-on experience in this oft misunderstood and misapplied process.

How to Lead and Not Bleed (Lyndsay)

Support group leadership can bleed you dry! Lyndsay, who has been there/done that, shares some tips to keep your sanity and even maybe enjoy your time in office.

What is the Mission of a Support Group? (Lyndsay)

What is the definition of a support group? What is your group's purpose? Support groups offer many activities and opportunities... but mostly for our kids. Lyndsay will share her burden of why we need to encourage the mom at the kitchen table and how to do it.

Keeping the Peace (Lyndsay)

How do you deal with conflicts in the support group setting? Home schoolers by and large are independent and strong-willed, or they would not be home schooling. Lyndsay discusses scriptural principles as outlined by Peacemaker Ministries that will help you in your work with home schoolers in your group.

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