

Time and Home Management

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What is time management?

Understand your calling

Relationships come first! –

- With God With Spouse With Children

Inside Robbers – TV / Computer / Pinterest – Try a Fast
Devices – Use Voice Mail or Caller ID – PUT IT DOWN!

Outside Commitments – Decide what you should be doing

- Pray
- “Experiencing God”, by Henry Blackaby –
Don't just DO something – STAND THERE
- Always be willing to say “No”
- Family comes first –

Managing your Home as a Homeschool Parent – School – Meals – Clutter/Cleaning

Schooling – Here's where scheduling can be essential. If our expectations are clearly made known to everyone in the family, they will know what to do and can work more independently. We also have to have a plan to keep them accountable. Lists and charts are great for this.

However . . . Break the mold – Who says it has to be done THAT way?

Give yourself permission to school the way that fits YOU! You have a style too.

Curriculum choice and uses – You don't need a complete curriculum in every area. Don't be boxed, limited, or jailed by curriculum. If it's not working – STOP, even if you spent money.

Ideas:

- Don't do every subject every day
- Don't always start at the beginning – Test out
- Use unit studies
- Give credit for non-curriculum learning
- Use car time to listen to school
- Get a clear tablecloth
- Make your own weekly or monthly chart for them to check off.

Networking – Co-op school and childcare

- **GIVE YOURSELF A BREAK!! Learning happens all the time. Deut 6:6-9**

Meals – Your Freezer is your Friend!

Household clutter – 27 Things for 27 Days

It is junk if:

- It's broken or obsolete (and fixing it is unrealistic)
- You've outgrown it, physically or emotionally
- It will shock, bore, or burden the coming generation.

Ask yourself:

- Do I use it?
- Do I love it?
- Would I buy it again?

OR

- Does it have a purpose?
- Does it have a place?
- Does it have a plan?
- Does it bring pleasure?

Household cleaning & laundry – DELEGATE!

- Best tip: 15 minutes clean sweep
- Schedule it OR
- Do. The. Next. Thing.

Paper & More Paper!

Remember the Hammock – REST!!!

- Create a place of rest
- Make-a-bed challenge
- Loosen your string!

Resources:

- ** [*Homeschool Supermom . . . Not! When Grace Meets Homeschooling*](#), by Debbie Kemmerer
 - ** [*Homeschool Experiment: A Novel*](#), by Charity Hawkins – Veterans will laugh as they remember the early years; new homeschool moms will love and benefit from the encouragement and tips
 - ** [*Teaching From Rest*](#), by Sarah Mackenzie – Wow! We all need the reminders in this little book.
 - ** [*Lies Homeschooling Moms Believe*](#), by Todd Wilson – This one will really hit home.
 - ** [*Cleaning House \(A Mom's 12 Month Experiment to Rid Her House of Youth Entitlement\)*](#), by Kay Wyma – the title of this books says it all
 - ** [*Clutter Free*](#), by Kathi Lipp – Don't know where to start? Try this one.
 - ** [*401 Ways to Get Your Kids to Work at Home*](#), by Bonnie McCullough
 - ** [*Zone Cleaning*](#), by Trigger Memory – Write on, wipe off cleaning routines for kids
 - ** [*How to Cook Everything: The Basics*](#), by Mark Bittman
 - ** [*Big Book of Freezer Cooking*](#), by Nanci Slagle – MY FAVORITE
- <http://www.whitehouseblackshutters.com/40-bags-in-40-days/> – Here's a doable challenge to help you declutter areas of your home and life.
- www.flylady.net – Great encouragement and tips on home management, use the site, but beware of many e-mails if you sign up
- www.moretimemoms.com – Time saving tools for moms – calendars, organizers, cookbooks, etc.

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