

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
Phone – Use Voice Mail or Caller ID

Outside Commitments – Decide what you should be doing

- Pray
- [Experiencing God](#), by Henry Blackaby – See where God is working and join Him
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.
- Use Edu Track or Homeschool Minder

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.

Household cleaning & laundry – DELEGATE!

- Best tip: 15 minutes clean sweep
- Make a list; set aside a time; do it.
- All those other chores – make a year long list and budget getting it done.

Paper & More Paper!

- Dump the junk mail before it comes in
- Clip it or Google it

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
[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's Last Stand](#), by Don Aslett – books, videos, supplies, and tools for home organization and cleaning, very entertaining and fun to watch as a group
[Bonnie's Household Organizer](#) OR [Totally Organized](#), by Bonnie McCullough
[How to Cook Everything: The Basics](#) – Mark Bittman
[Big Book of Freezer Cooking](#), by Nanci Slagle – MY FAVORITE
www.flylady.net – great encouragement and tips on home management, use the site, but beware of many e-mails if you sign up
Managers of their Homes, by Steve & Teri Maxwell – www.titus2.com – book about scheduling and home management for homeschool families, very thorough but extremely structured
Edu Track Homeschool – www.contechsolutions.net/products/eths_pc/ – program for homeschool scheduling and more
www.moretimemoms.com – time saving tools for moms – calendars, organizers, cookbooks, etc.