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### Whack a mole

What do you focus on?

My whacking - Daily 4: School, straightening up, laundry, meals-planning,  
Extra: exercise, marriage, church activities, discipleship, and everything else!

What are the non essentials:

School-math, reading, writing when they are little...

House-straightening up for my husband-blesses him and creates peace, not clean toilets

### Living with no regrets

IMAGINE being old...looking back, what do you remember?

May not remember science or what you read for history in 3 grade, but family, vacations, meals - cant force your kids to remember certain things, but give them opportunity to not see you stressed and joyful.

Don't be so focused on 1 thing that you forget the bigger picture and enjoy each day.

“The question is not, how much does the youth know? When he has finished his education-but how much does he care? and about how many orders of things does he care? In fact, how large is the room in which he finds his feet set? And therefore, how full if the life he has before him?” Charlotte Mason

### You get a chance to change how you were raised...will you and how?

FREEING for my husband and I. He comes from a good family but his dad wasn't a strong leader and not very affectionate or verbal...my family was very affectionate, too verbal and saw a habit or seed of being critical...we can change that.

Family worship-every night we try to have praying, singing (learning new hymns), memorizing scripture together...

### Created by God...

Ephesians 2:10 We are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Easier for some/more challenging for some

Strive to do you best, but know your bent

## Need to have PEACE AND JOY in your house

“The mother who takes pains to endow her children with good habits secures for herself smooth and easy days.” Charlotte Mason

How can you achieve that?

Be home more or get involved in an activity?

Straighten up to create peace or let being messy go and embrace this season?

Lesson plans written out with a program or in pencil or excel

GOAL - learn

Where you do school - freedom to sit at a desk or on their head or do school outside

\* As you read to them, the kids can color, puzzles, hula hoop, jumped on trampoline-they are listening...can't look at words or talk, but LISTEN

How you do school - no set curriculum or best way - BUT there is a best way for your family. IF you are teaching them to read and write and learn math when they are little, THAT'S GREAT. You can't mess up kindergarten or 1st grade or 2nd grade...I thought I could. You do your best. Trust God. Pray about the things you will use, they are only a tool for the ultimate goal of...

GOAL - learn

Laundry - ok with doing school amidst laundry and working on laundry a lot...

My kids have their own baskets with their names on it and we clean theirs individually, even if they are smaller loads, because they can more easily fold and put away their own... takes out separating for me or them.

GOAL - learn how to do laundry

Cleaning - God tells us to have cleanliness

Sat in a homeschool mom session where kids cleaned while she worked out...would be nice...sometimes we've had charts, or things for that day, even on vacation with 10 kids- assigned chores to help keep house nice for more play time. Rotate what they do so they can learn it.

Discipling kids...      I do it, you watch  
                                  I do it, you help  
                                  You do it, I help  
                                  You do it, I watch

GOAL - model to your kids and teach them how to clean

Eat - everyone has to eat - you are in charge of the food in your house and what you buy PLAN will win out every time. I've done frozen meals for a month - so nice. I've done lots of crockpot meals. Plan will help you on those unexpected days of 4 pm and you don't know what dinner will be...going out or pizza...have some simple fast meals on hand.

GOAL - eat healthy most of the time, but willing to know sometimes we just eat

Marriage - spending time with husband will model to kids, he should be my first love, foundational, set aside time with him

GOAL - love your husband or wife since they will be there after homeschooling is over

Flexibility

## Balance

Making sure Jesus is first each day and week  
Rest versus work

## Seasons

Rest in each day, week, year...are you getting enough to recharge?  
Season of growth of kids too!!  
Exist - did basics for school to keep going  
We did basics the year after my best friend and sister died

## No comparisons

Everyones homeschool looks different  
All kids are different-as they grow up they change and you adjust

## Reevaluating

Which is what you are doing and will continue to do!  
Pie chart - Made up of Whack a mole things...main life and home areas...good, bad  
Set some small achievable short term goals, set some longer goals.  
How did you do the next time you reevaluate?

Vision      Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no prophetic vision, the  
                  people cast off restraint, are discouraged, or literally perish"  
                  Proverbs 19:21 "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but  
                  it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand."

## Family rhythm and culture

What makes you tick and how will you shape and affect your family  
"our family..."

I AM, I CAN, I OUGHT, I WILL

Worship, phones, movies, clothing...families will choose to live out life differently, not  
wrong or bad...modeling making wise choices and helping kids be ok with being different  
Chickens - adding a whole new dimension to our family...25 of them...and a beehive

## Power of INFLUENCE

For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self control, self discipline,  
or a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7

Use IT! :)

When mama ain't happy, no one's happy. Some truth.

Kids Hear you...but kids SEE YOU, kids will see if you're the real deal.

## GOAL

Start small. How do you eat an elephant? Bite at a time.

Give kids something to read, to love, to try, to experience.

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## PRAY

Last - Needs to be FIRST! Foundational.

## TRUST GOD

Good sense of humor and live life to the full

## You can do it.

Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever, Amen.

### This starts with YOU!

2 Peter 1:5-8 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Describe your homeschool experience with one word...

JOY. That is fun and flexible to me.

John 15:11-12 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

### What does Flexibility look like to you?

Definition on our website - Not setting my affections on plans which others may change.

Col 3:2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Character trait. (similar to patience - sometimes grows in the worst way)

Disciples wanted to send people home...Jesus said, you feed them. Only few fish and bread...God did a miracle to remind them to not look at what has been, what others are doing, but have new eyes, new heart, see things in a fresh FUN FLEXIBLE way.

Higher reason - may never know why things change. Can't control everything. Can't see into future, can't understand why.

TRY NOT to PROMISE things to your kids. some wait till right before an event to tell them to save them disappointment.

### What area do you need to be stretched in?

It is hard when (fill in your blank)...planning, staying focused, change, new grade, where do I start, having little kids...

DISAPPOINTMENT is a part of life, and you will sometime disappoint your kids.

### Freedom to plan your day however you want. Will you? How?

Can change the way you were raised. FREEDOM. Grace. Excitement. Change.

Good home experience - can model it.

Bad bringing up or certain things were not the best, you can change it.

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DIFFERENT and that's OK!

"Don't take it to heart when you try your best to apply principles that "work for everyone else" but aren't working for you...Don't expect cookie cutter results applying someone else's practices and principles. Always find your own, or your own version of the ones you admire." Julie Bogart

Allow yourself to have a plan but be willing to follow God

Schedules are good, but don't be controlled by one.

Exceptions...need to have some consistency since that is where most kids thrive.

We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps. Proverbs 16:9 (NLT)

Try not to get stressed if plans change.

Intentional - Sometimes fun and flexibility has to be intentional.

Purposeful

Vacations - Junior Ranger - Educational, fairly cheap and super fun.

One on Ones - home w rotation system or out cheap or spending a little money  
ex: geocaching, park, exploring, biking, sonic, coffee, craft or tool store, or shopping

Have questions and things to talk about. Helps get to know your kids better and how to pray for them. BUILDING RELATIONSHIP.

"Thought breeds thought; children familiar with great thoughts take as naturally to thinking for themselves as the well-nourished body takes to growing; and we must bear in mind that growth, physical, intellectual, moral, spiritual, is the sole end of education." Charlotte Mason

Start your day w scripture

Outside

"Never be within doors when you can rightly be without." Charlotte Mason

Breaks

School day breaks and school year breaks

Don't focus too much on one thing - try to be balanced.

Creative

Art, Expressions of art...ex: writing and making a movie...using technology but learning valuable life skills, not constantly watching one.

Such freedom to allow our kids opportunities-sometimes its deciding which of the million options to do, or none at all and being creative at home.

SUMMER: our goals to shoot our new bows and arrows, whittling-knife safety, read shakespeare plays, shoot guns w dad, more meal planning and cooking

## Books

Listen, Read, be a part of your life

When you read be willing to let your kids move. Depending on their learning style, they are still listening if standing on their head, doing puzzles, or coloring. BE WILLING to allow that.

EX: Listen driving around, listen on road trips, read aloud at bedtime, read up in a tree. LAMPLIGHTER dramas and books. AMAZING.

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## Music

All my kids take music lessons. My bent, but it teaches so many things besides music.

Heard somewhere that mom blared music through the house and that meant ice cream...haven't done it yet, but will. KIDS WANT SURPRISE and FUN!

Dance parties, listen to music from the classics, from other countries, can easily find FREE online and play in the house - amazing.

## FOOD

FUN - learn math, geography, serving, science, holidays...

FLEXIBLE - Meals for others: Opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Sometimes we have spent the whole day cooking because someone needed a meal

## Serving

Opportunities at church, as a family or individually

Park outreach

Assisted living

Model and show our kids a heart for others.

## The Great Adventure

Song by Steven Curtis Chapman - that is our life.

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

You can do it...with God's help.                      **Philippians 4:13**

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## **FUN and Flexibility into your Homeschool Day**

2017 Homeschool 101

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