

How to Have Good Priorities in a Homeschool Environment?

Why should we think about our priorities?

*We need to be pro-active with our life and not passive.

*Redeeming time is an order.

*Our decisions will have repercussions into eternity.

Priority #1: God

Be careful not to be legalistic about this! We want a deep meaningful relationship, not to check off an item on our to-do list. God wants to be our Lord and Master, as much as our Savior. He should be the master of our time and priorities.

Exodus 20:3 says: "You shall have no other gods before me." And the next commandment says, "You shall not make for yourself an idol."

Matthew 22:37 says "Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all you mind."

John 15 :5 ...apart from me, you can do nothing.

Priority #2 : Loving my Family

The first family unit is the husband and wife. We should focus first on loving our spouse.

Loving our children does not mean to do everything they want. If we put them first and do everything for them, we are making them our gods, and we are making of them little kings/queens.

Titus 2:4-5 "Then they can urge the younger women to love their husband and their children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind and to be subject to their husband, so that no one will malign the word of God."

Priority #3 : The Local Church

I Peter 4:10 “Each of you should use whatever gift you received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

Hebrews 10:25 says “not giving up meeting together, as some of you are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

*We need to ask God where he wants us in His church and then listen to his leading.

Ephesians 4 :12-16 We are all a part of the body of Christ. We are not all the parts of the body, doing so much in the church. We are not a dead member of His body, we all have a place and a part to play.

Priority #4 : Friends and Social Relationships

Friends for fun

Friends that help you grow

Friends that need you to grow

Friends that need Jesus

Friends that hinder

The key is to make the most of the time I spend with friends, to be authentic and simple.

Priority #5 : Work

Am I doing the work God wants me to do?

How can I be more efficient in my work?

Holding House:

Cleaning :

Laundry :

Meals :

Teaching School :

What are the most important things that I should teach my children? What will they remember when all is said and done? What feeling will they bring with them, when they will be finished homeschooling?

*Fill the little ones cups first. Spend time with the non-schooled children first and prepare a few things for them to do while you will be busy.

*Start with the multi-level classes first.

*Make sure, your children know your expectations regarding their school work. (Make them a schedule and clear guidelines)

*Always have plan B.

*Do corrections quickly, and review the next day, what your children did not understand well.

Priority #6 : Caring for Your Body

I Corinthians 6:19 says: "Do you not know that your bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own."

*Taking good care of your body means, taking time to eat well, to rest enough and to exercise enough.

*Can I change something in my schedule so that I have enough sleep?

*Do I eat well enough to be healthy? Do I have to do changes to have a healthier body?

*Do I exercise a little bit, but regularly? What changes do I need to do to exercise a little? Can I do something else at the same time as exercising?

Conclusion :

Be careful that priority #2 does not keep me from spending time with God, and that priority #3 does not take over priorities # 2 and 1 etc.

Everything that God wants you to do, he will give you the strength and the joy to do. It is important to rest and rely on him as we obey his will.

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