

1 **10 Mistakes Homeschool Moms Make**
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- True Confessions
- Why this matters
- What it means for you and your family

3 **#1 Try to Duplicate Traditional School**

Great Reasons:

1. Don't want children to fall behind
2. The best education

Problems

1. Frustrating Results
2. Textbooks/Workbooks
3. Schedule and Time

Solution

1. Use what works for your family
2. May take trial and error
3. Do not be "married" into a curriculum or schedule

4 **#2 Copy Other Families**

Great Reasons:

1. Wonderful role models
2. Appear to have it together w/ good fruit

Problems

1. Frustrating results
2. One size does not fit all
3. Recipe for failure

Solution

1. Pray to the Lord for direction
2. Listen

3. Follow

5 #3 Neglect Your Child's Style of Learning

Great Reasons:

1. You learn a specific way and that is a good fit
2. "Materials" at hand

Problems

1. Takes longer to learn the lessons
2. New information is easily forgotten
3. Child is bored or a discipline problem

Solution

1. Look at the ways your child learns: auditory, visual, tactile
2. Incorporate many modalities if needed
3. Seek help and guidance

6 #4 Volunteer

Great Reasons:

1. According to others you don't work!
2. You feel great doing things for others.

Problems

1. Taken advantage of very quickly
2. Neglect your own needs

Solution

1. Moderation
2. Just say NO!

7 #5 Neglect the Topics Your Children Enjoy

Great Reasons:

1. It doesn't fall within the realm of school
2. You don't want them falling behind.

Problems

- 1.Failure to engage
- 2.Neglect one of the key qualities of home education

Solution

- 1.Discuss this with your children
- 2.Work out a compromise
- 3.Work in key topics each week if not daily!

8 **#6 Failure to Schedule**

Great Reasons:

- 1.Don't want to stifle creativity
- 2.Don't want to be tied to a specific item
- 3.Didn't have time or get around to it.

Problems

- 1.No outcomes to measure
- 2.Frustration and neglect

Solution

- 1.Don't be so rigid you can't change but schedules help us keep on track
- 2.Check off list for you and the children
- 3.Accountability Partner

9 **#7 Extra-Curricula**

Great Reasons:

- 1.Socialization
- 2.Child's gift or interest
- 3.Mom or Dad require this

Problems

- 1.Overload
- 2.Daily assignments neglected

Solution

- 1.Regroup and reanalyze
- 2.Work together as a family
- 3.Co-operation of children

10 #8 Social Media

Great Reasons:

1. Keeping in touch with friends and family
2. Education
3. Socialization for mom

Problems

1. Time consuming
2. Lose focus

Solution

1. Set aside time with a timer!
2. Save it for the end of the day.

11 #9 Neglect Spouse

Great Reasons:

1. Busy
2. Not as needy as the children
3. Tired!

Problems

1. Resentments build
2. Loss of relationship

Solution

1. Set aside time with spouse daily
2. Letters, texts or emails
3. Call

12 #10 Neglect Self

Great Reasons:

1. Not self-centered
2. You are capable

Problems

1. Lack of sleep
2. Become ill ...fall into bad habits

Solution

1. Set aside time each day for prayer
2. Hobby or friend time (Mom's Night IN)