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We asked thousands of homeschooling parents this question. Their top response?

"I don't know how to fit it all in!"

Parenting. Academics. Work. Homemaking. Personal care. Discipleship. Church. Family.

If one area is succeeding, it's only because everything else is toppling over in the background. (Or so it feels.)

You CAN conquer the overwhelm crisis!

That's what this is for...



Sign up today and we promise you'll have the perfect homeschool life that all your friends will be envious of.

Just Kidding!

You won't be strangled into perfection. But you will be empowered to rely on God's grace and seek His wisdom. Through our online video sessions and resource discounts, you will receive God-centered help and hope for:

Deciding what matters to your family **Defining** a workable homeschool plan **Directing** your path toward the eternal

... and all of this in the midst of real life happening.

Because as followers of Jesus Christ, our light can shine in the midst of the craziness to bring Him glory.

Are you ready?



Time CST	Title	Speaker	
Monday, October 11th: Kick-off Keynote			
4:00 PM	The War on Children: How to Provide Shade for Your Children in a Corrupt Culture	Dr. John MacArthur	
Tuesday, October 12th: Charting Your Course			
9:00 AM	Struggling to Fit It All In? Maybe You've Got the Wrong Box	Kevin Swanson	
10:30 AM	Real Homeschool: Letting Go of Pinterest-Perfect and the Instagram-Ideal Homeschool	Karen DeBeus	
12:00 PM	Navigating the Journey through the Homeschool Buffet	Israel & Brook Wayne	
2:00 PM	Smooth Homeschool Sailing: Dad's Role in Charting the Course	Davis Carman	
3:30 PM	What are the Big Rocks?	Steve Demme	
Wednesday, October 13th: The Homeschool Gameplan			
9:00 AM	Essentials of a Christian Education	Ken Ham	
10:30 AM	Five Principles That Can Help You Fit It All In	Victoria Botkin	
12:00 PM	How to Create a Plan for Your School Year and Live to Tell About It	Gina Burmeier & Ruth Tennis	
2:00 PM	Techniques for Multi-Level Schooling	Amy Roberts	
3:30 PM	Charting Your Way Through High School – Testing, Transcripts and All That	Deanne Crawford & Janice Price	
5:30 PM	Why Choosing Curriculum Using Discernment is a Must!	Kristen Pratt	



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Thursday, October 14th: Home Management Strategies		
9:00 AM	Attention: Obsessive-Compulsive Perfectionist Control-Freaks, Chill Out!	Rachael Carman
10:30 AM	Management for Moms: Friendly Advice from a Homeschool Vet	Marcia Washburn
12:00 PM	The Overwhelmed, Productive Mom	Scott & Deborah Brown
2:00 PM	Fitting It All In Your Budget	Alex & Cassie Michael
3:30 PM	Homemaking Tips and Tricks for the Busy Homeschool Mom	Tauna Meyer
5:30 PM	Homeschooling on Empty: Biblical Principles for Relationships & Practical Tips for Home Management	Sharon Fisher
Friday, October 15th: Building Your Team		
9:00 AM	Walking By The Spirit	Stephen Kendrick
10:30 AM	How to Be Happily Married While Homeschooling	Hal & Melanie Young
12:00 PM	Laying Down the Rails	Sonya Shafer
2:00 PM	Raising Siblings with Kingdom Vision	Rob Rienow
3:30 PM	Building Your Family Culture: Fitting In Life Outside of School	Kevin Swanson
5:30 PM	Part 1- Homeschooling through Hard Times & Part 2- Extracurricular Activities: How to Make Wise Choices for Your Family	Bob & Debbie Fine
Saturday, October 16th: Eternal Priorities		
9:00 AM	We Will Not Be Silenced: How Parents Can Respond Courageously	Dr. Erwin Lutzer
10:30 AM	How to Face Your Fears and Stay Faithful to Your Eternal Priorities	Jason & Tori Benham, David & Lori Benham
12:00 PM	Being a Woman of the Word	Nancy Campbell
2:00 PM	What Will Your Legacy Be? Reflections of a Homeschooled, Homeschooling Mama	Ruth Adams
3:30 PM	The Ultimate Goal of Education	Emeal & Rachel Zwayne

Meet Your Hosts

Your hosts for Homeschool Summits meet with each speaker over video chat right at home (with kiddos nearby!) to hear their wisdom and ask them personalized questions — essentially your own personal guides through the Summit.

Get to know them a little here:



Daniel & Megan

"We first started homeschooling about 25 years ago... well, our parents did! As homeschool grads, we're enthusiastic about home education, discipleship, and the church, and we take that into our daily life. We desire to raise our family (three little ones so far!) to know and love Christ wholeheartedly, and we're grateful for every opportunity to share that passion with others!"

Kick-Off Keynote

The War on Children: How to Provide Shade for Your Children in a Corrupt **Culture**

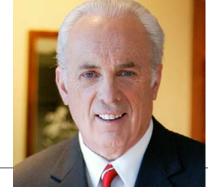
Things to Learn:

- How the culture has been weaponized to destroy our children
- Recognizing the main attack fronts and how Scripture combats them
- Action steps for protecting your children from the enemy

Takeaways:

- The enemy wants your children to accept the fallen world, to buy into the belief systems of the kingdom of darkness. Guard their hearts and guide them to the Kingdom of Light!
- Spiritual integrity is crucial to influencing your children. If you want them to see Christ and follow Him, you have to show Christ within yourself.
- The mind is the landing place of truth and lies it is where holiness is cultivated and temptation takes root.

Notes:



DR. JOHN MACARTHUR

The Master's University

Dr. MacArthur has for 35 years provided leadership at The Master's University in Santa Clarita, California, and at The Master's Seminary, which is on campus at Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, where he has served as pastor-teacher for 52 years. He is the voice of the international radio and television ministry Grace To You; author or editor of over 150 books on Christian theology, ethics, living, and biblical exposition and doctrine — including commentaries on every book of the New Testament, the MacArthur Study Bible, which has been translated into five languages with millions of copies in print, and most recently collaborating on the new Legacy Standard Bible translation. He has been married to his wife, Patricia, for 55 years, has four married children, and 15 grandchildren.

Struggling to Fit It All In? Maybe You've Got the Wrong Box

Things to Learn:

- Identifying core issues that make homeschooling feel overwhelming
- How to clarify your values and structure your schedule accordingly
- What's missing from conventional education

Takeaways:

- Modern education misses the core and foundation of what God wants our children to learn. The number one principle we need to teach our children is to fear God. As they grasp this, we will be able to use every other aspect of education as an important piece, part of the big picture of God's design for the world.
- Life application is a must! It gives children a sense of purpose and makes them excited about what they are doing.
- At the end of every day, ask yourself: Did we do the most important thing today?

Recommended Resources:

- Upgrade: 10 Secrets to the Best Education for Your Child by Kevin Swanson
- Generations.org

Notes:



KEVIN SWANSON

Generations

Homeschooled in the 1960s and 70s. Kevin Swanson and his wife, Brenda, have just finished homeschooling their own five children. Kevin has 43 years of experience in the homeschooling movement and serves as the director of Generations, a ministry he founded to strengthen homeschool families around the country. As a father who wants to leave a godly heritage for his own children, Kevin's passion is to strengthen and encourage the homeschooling movement all over the world and to cast a vision for generations to come. For the last 18 years. Kevin has hosted a radio program — Generations Radio the world's largest homeschooling and biblical worldview program that reaches families across the US and in over 100 countries. He has also authored several popular books for homeschoolers, including: Freedom, Apostate, Upgrade: 10 Secrets to the Best Education for Your Child. the Family Bible Study Guide series, and others.

Real Homeschool: Letting Go of Pinterest-Perfect and the Instagram-Ideal Homeschool

Things to Learn:

- Applying God's standards to our practical, day-to-day reality
- Combatting the expectation to be picture perfect
- What it means to "keep it real" in our homeschooling

Takeaways:

- We are not staging a photo we are raising disciples! If we spend our time comparing ourselves to others, we will miss the call that God has for our lives.
- Women need to know God's Word so that they will be filled up with the truth. God equips us for what He calls us to do! And when it gets messy, it doesn't mean that we have missed God's calling, it means He is going to work through the messiness.
- Our behavior starts on the inside, in our relationship with God, and what people see is the overflow of what God is doing in our hearts.

Recommended Resources:

- Simply Homeschool: Have Less Clutter and More Joy in Your Homeschool (second edition titled Simply Homeschool: Second Edition: Have Less Fluff and Bear More Fruit) by Karen DeBeus
- Real Homeschool: Letting Go of Pinterest Perfect and Instagram Ideal Homeschool by Karen DeBeus
- Called Home: Finding Joy in Letting God Lead Your Homeschool by Karen DeBeus
- Simply Living for Him podcast

Notes:



KAREN DEBEUS Simply Living for Him

Karen DeBeus is a homeschooling mom learning to live more simply and keep God at the center of it all. She is the author of three best-selling homeschooling books, writes at Simply Living for Him and Bible-Based Homeschooling, and speaks nationally and locally about homeschooling and her desire for others to clear the clutter from their lives and seek God first. She also hosts the weekly Simply Living for Him podcast. She enjoys life on her hobby farm with her husband and four children. Together they are a work-at-home family pursuing a simple life with purpose and above all, seeking to glorify God in all they do.

Navigating the Journey through the **Homeschool Buffet**

Things to Learn:

- A framework for navigating the buffet of homeschool resources with wisdom
- How to make choices when it comes to curriculum approaches and teaching methods
- Evaluating homeschool groups, co-ops, and other extracurricular options

Takeaways:

- As you evaluate what your main goals in homeschooling are, you will be able to weed out curriculum that does not measure up to what you are aiming for.
- We want to acknowledge God in all of our ways not just the spiritual realm but the entire existence of humankind.
- It's so important that our curriculum asks the "why" questions - not only the "what" questions - to teach our children to learn to think.
- Others may be able to teach or explain academics to our kids better than we could, but we have the opportunity to show our children how they can be used by God through learning academics.

Recommended Resources:

- Education: Does God Have an Opinion? by Israel Wayne
- FamilyRenewal.org
- Answers for Homeschooling: Top 25 Questions Critics Ask by Israel Wayne
- Pitchin' a Fit! by Israel and Brook Wayne

Notes:



ISRAEL & BROOK WAYNE

Family Renewal

Israel and Brook Wayne are second-generation homeschoolers. now homeschooling their 10 children. Israel is an author and conference speaker who has a passion for defending the Christian faith and promoting a biblical worldview. He is the director of Family Renewal and author of the books Answers for Homeschooling: Top 25 Questions Critics Ask. Education: Does God Have an Opinion?, and Raising Them Up: Parenting for Christians, among others. More information may be found at www.FamilyRenewal.org.

Smooth Homeschool Sailing: Dad's Role in Charting the Course

Things to Learn:

- The four "ships" every family needs for fruitful homeschooling
- Balancing relationship building with your wife and each child
- Engaging in homeschooling in the midst of a busy work schedule

Takeaways:

- Dad's role is critical for the longevity and direction of homeschooling. You've got to chart a course for where you want to go, then set sail on the four ships (below) that help you have a fruitful life and homeschool.
- Worship: Reshape your priorities so that worship is at the top.
- Relationship: Make this your next priority, it is more valuable than education. Engage in family conflict and life and create the paradigm shift that you are building lasting relationships with your children.
- Discipleship: Be aware of your child's unique gifts. Train your child in the way of the Lord and navigate the course with him/
- Scholarship: Don't neglect it, but prioritize the other three ships first. Resist the temptation to become the task master.

Recommended Resources:

- **Apologia Educational Ministries**
- 5 illustrated children's books:
 - Truths to Know Early by Davis Carman
 - Psalms to Know Early by Davis Carman
 - Good Morning, God by Davis Carman
 - In the Beginning by Davis Carman
 - A Light for My Path by Davis Carman

Notes:



DAVIS CARMAN Apologia

Davis and Rachael were married in 1986, and God has blessed them with seven children and one grandchild. They live in Waxhaw, North Carolina, where they enjoy the homeschooling adventure of a lifetime, complete with rollercoaster twists and turns and the occasional lazy river ride. Davis is an international speaker and advocate for home education and has a degree in mechanical engineering from Vanderbilt University and a master's degree from Purdue University. Davis is also the author of three illustrated children's books designed to instill a biblical worldview, Good Morning, God, A Light for My Path, and In the Beginning.

What Are the Big Rocks?

Things to Learn:

- How to encourage lifelong learning in your family culture
- Making God's priorities your priorities
- How to keep the big picture in view for regular days

Takeaways:

- Identify your "big rocks." If you do not put these into your schedule first, they will not fit in.
- Ask good questions as part of your own learning journey and when your children sense that you love learning, they will follow you.
- Build your family up first through your own relationship with God. Give thanks when things prevent you from fitting it all in, because God is sovereign!
- Discover, feed, and encourage your children's desires. Comparison is the enemy of vision. Develop your own flavor and enjoy watching your kids be who God designed them to be.

Recommended Resources:

- **Beautiful Feet Books**
- Billie and Blaze by Clarence William Anderson
- Marguerite Henry books
- **Building Faith Families**
- **Demme Learning**

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STEVE DEMME Math-U-See/Building Faith **Families**

Steve and Sandra Demme have been married since 1979. They have been blessed with four sons, three lovely daughters-in-law, and two special grandchildren. Their fourth son has Down syndrome and lives with them in Lititz, PA. Steve has served in full- or part-time pastoral ministry for many years after graduating from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He is the creator of Math-U-See and the founder of Building Faith Families (BuildingFaithFamilies.org).

Homeschooler to Homeschool Family Defender

Things to Learn:

- Key areas to remember when you begin homeschooling
- Understanding the importance of prayer
- Transitioning from homeschooling to life after homeschooling

Takeaways:

- One of the most important gifts we give our children is time and enjoying the time. Children spell love T-I-M-E
- Ultimately we have to trust God for the salvation of our children
- Teach children to learn to learn and love learning

Recommended Resource:

Heritagedefense.org

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BRADLEY PIERCE Heritage Defense

Bradley Pierce is a co-founding attorney of Heritage Defense. Since being licensed in 2007, Bradley has defended the parental rights of Christian homeschooling families around the country against threats by social services. Bradley and his wife Cindy are homeschool graduates who are now blessed to homeschool their own nine children.

The Essentials of a Christian Education

Things to Learn:

- Equipping your children to be "salt"
- Why a foundation in Genesis is pivotal for a believer in Christ
- Evaluating the pitfalls that face homeschool parents

Takeaways:

- Equip your children to be the salt of the earth by pouring into them the salt of the Bible.
- If you're taught to acquire a taste for something from when you are young, you will develop that taste and hunger for it. Thus, you need to teach your children to acquire a taste for things from the Lord, starting from when they are young.
- Train you kids to engage with culture while keeping to their faith through arguments, good questions, and knowledgeable answers.

Recommended Resource:

- Divided Nation: Cultures in Chaos & a Conflicted Church by Ken
- Will they Stand: Parenting Kids to Face the Giants by Ken Ham
- Answersingenesis.org
- Answers Bible Curriculum (Homeschool and Sunday School options)
- Apologetics courses at answersingenesis.org
- answers.tv

Notes:



KEN HAM Answers in Genesis

Ken Ham is one of the top biblical apologetics speakers in North America. He is the president. CEO, and founder of Answers in Genesis-US, the highly acclaimed Creation Museum, and the worldrenowned Ark Encounter. As an author, he has sold over three million copies of his impressive collection of 26 bestselling adult and children's books focused on the relevance and authority of the book of Genesis. Husband, father of five, and grandfather of 18, Ken has a heart for passing on a legacy of faith and truth to the next generation, as well as equipping others to defend their faith and share the message of salvation.

Five Principles That Can Help You Fit It All In

Things to Learn:

- Creating a game plan to stay sane and successful
- How our priorities compare and contrast to those in the modern education system
- Identifying when academics should be set aside

Takeaways:

- Live life as a glorious adventure!
- Align your priorities with God's priorities. God has a plan for you and each one of your children, but we are all called to be ambassadors for His Kingdom.
- Don't count the day as a wasted day when you do not get to everything you wanted to do. Choose the better part like Mary and worship Jesus. Don't be a slave of your expectations!

Recommended Resources:

Victoria's Library

Notes:



VICTORIA BOTKIN Victoria's Library

Victoria Botkin is wife to Geoffrey Botkin, mother of seven, and homeschooling veteran of 30+ years. She has produced a series titled Curriculum Advice, written and hosted a ladies' study titled She Shall Be Called Woman and, drawing from her years of reading aloud to her own children, produced the Voices From the Past audiobook series. She shares her homeschooling advice, encouragement, and resource reviews at VictoriasLibrary.com.

How to Create a Plan for Your School Year and Live to Tell About It

Things to Learn:

- Building a framework to fit everything in
- Balancing extracurricular activities to align with your priorities — and why saying "no" isn't bad
- Safeguarding your priorities

Takeaways:

- Take time to discuss these topics as a family: the plan God has for you all, your priorities as a family, your family identity, and the reason for homeschooling.
- As Christians, we are to live an intentional life, not an activity driven life.
- Be aware of your individuality and needs, as well as your child's individuality and needs.

Recommended Resource:

Rainbow Resource Center

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RUTH TENNIS & GINA BURMEIER

Rainbow Resource

Ruth Tennis homeschooled four children for 16 years, kindergarten through graduation. With degrees in English and experience in ESL, she believes communication is a significant way we reflect God's image, and so, one of the most important skills to pass on to our children.

Gina Burmeier has been homeschooling her three children for 15 years and has become familiar with different learning approaches and a wide variety of curriculum. She and her husband travel to conventions and she serves as a part-time consultant at the Rainbow office.

Techniques for Multi-Level Schooling

Things to Learn:

- Practical ways to maximize your teaching time each day
- Discovering your family's preferred planning method
- Finding time for the fun things with your kids
- Using a system so you don't get behind

Takeaways:

- If our way doesn't look like someone else's, it's not wrong. God has a path for each one of us and it's different for each
- Pursue delight-directed learning! It broadens horizons and gives more opportunities to your children.
- Life learning: make normal, everyday activities (such as grocery shopping) into educational experiences.
- Leave time for your children to pursue their passions! Honor Him with who you are and who your kids are.

Recommended Resources:

- Flexible Homeschool Planning: A Simple Method for a Simpler Homeschool by Amy Roberts
- Home Management for the Homeschool Mom by Amy Roberts
- Large Family Homeschooling by Amy Roberts
- **Raising Arrows**
- **Apologia Science**
- Teaching Textbooks (math)
- Tapestry of Grace (history)

Notes:



AMY ROBERTS

Raising Arrows

Amy Roberts of RaisingArrows. net is a Christ-follower, devoted wife, homeschooling mother of 10, blogger, conference speaker, podcaster, and author. Amy inspires the hearts of weary, overwhelmed mamas across the world as she offers practical and encouraging advice to help simplify the path and enjoy the journey of homemaking, homeschooling, marriage, and mothering.

Charting Your Way Through High SchoolTesting, Transcripts, and All That

Things to Learn:

- Ways to prepare for high school while still in the younger years
- Practical tips for parents transitioning into the "guidance counselor" role
- How to successfully teach high school, while still teaching elementary and middle school
- Setting graduation requirements, creating transcripts, navigating testing, and deciding if dual enrollment is right for you

Takeaways:

- The goal is not to just get through high school! It's preparing your young adult for their next steps after high school.
- The transition years through high school are a time to move forward with your children, not only as their parent, but also as brothers and sisters in Christ. Take time to pray with and for them, listen, and be a guidance counselor.
- Assess both your student's effort and their finished product. Find the things that motivate your kids — know their strengths, weaknesses, and God given gifts.
- In high school, your role changes from teacher to an administrator in the sense that the student can do more for themselves.

Recommended Resources:

- Senior High: A Home-Designed Form+U+La by Barbara Shelton
- The High School Handbook: Junior and Senior High School at Home by Mary Schofield
- FairTest: The National Center for Fair and Open Testing





JANICE PRICE & DEANNE CRAWFORD

Rainbow Resource

Homeschooling is a way of life for Janice Price — she has consulted at Rainbow since 2003, and homeschooled her own three children for 20 years (from kindergarten through high school graduation) before that. Married to Scott for 39 years, their three children are all university graduates and their seven grandchildren are now second-generation homeschoolers. Janice has worn various related hats — coordinator of a new-to-homeschooling support group, consultant for Westbridge Academy, administrator of Peoria Co-Operative Academy; and exhibit hall coordinator for the local homeschool convention. Janice has a B.A. from Phillips University and a M.Ed. from Idaho State University.

Deanne Crawford began her homeschool journey in 1997, graduating her youngest in 2013. Blessed with children on both sides of the learning spectrum, she adapted her homeschool to best meet their individual needs in light of their future aspirations. Today, her daughter is a registered nurse and her son attends community college and works for a Christian talk radio channel. Believing that homeschooling was a tremendous blessing for her family, she confesses it was also the most challenging thing she has ever done. Deanne joined Rainbow in 2011 and is passionate about encouraging and equipping the next generation of homeschoolers.

Why Choosing Curriculum Using Discernment is a Must!

Things to Learn:

- Why biblical discernment is needed for curriculum
- Learn what the Bible say about curriculum
- Tips for choosing curriculum with a God-centered approach

Takeaways:

- We can stumble upon our own biases. We need to be careful about letting what we want or grew up with influence what God's word says when picking out curriculum
- When we put our children under a curriculum we are putting them under the authority of the curriculum. Therefore, we want the curriculum to be godly based, biblically based, and point to the Creator
- It is worth it! You will have hard days. Days you make the wrong decision. Curriculum fails. But always remember, it is worth it!

Recommended Resources:

- Henry Morris Study Bible
- Teach Them Diligently by Leslie Nunnery
- Education: Does God Have an Opinion by
- The Work of Your Hand: Fingerprints, God and You! by Jennifer Rivera
- Master Books journals
- Master Books App
- Master Books Facebook Group
- Masterbooks.com

Notes:



KRISTEN PRATT **Master Books**

Kristen Pratt is the author of the Language Lessons for a Living Education series. She also is the Brand and Curriculum Manager for Master Books, where she has been writing, reviewing, editing, and developing curriculum for the past eight years. She has been homeschooling her nine children for almost twenty-five years, having graduated five so far from high school. She has helped thousands of homeschool families navigate curriculum choices through her own curriculum business and now through Master Books communities online and via the app.

Attention: Obsessive-Compulsive Perfectionist Control-Freaks, Chill Out!

Things to Learn:

- Lies that homeschool moms believe
- Why slowing down IS the answer
- How to listen to your children
- Tips for being in fellowship with God

Takeaways:

- Stop trying to do everything. The culture wants us to believe
 we can do everything: gourmet meals, perfect house, perfect
 clothes, perfect hair. But we can't. You are not called to
 exhaustion.
- Ignore the competition of others, and the competition found on social media, by praising God.
- Be intentional about building a relationship with your child.
 Step into their world and they will begin to pour their heart out to you over time.
- We bind ourselves in our own chains, LIVE in the freedom you have been given.

Recommended Besource:

- How to Have a Heart for Your Kids by Rachael Carman
- How Many Times Do I Have to Tell You? by Rachael Carman
- Let's Talk Homeschool podcast
- Rachaelcarman.com
- Apologia

Notes:



RACHAEL CARMAN

Apologia

Rachael brings a strong dose of encouragement and inspiration to moms, equipping them to grow deeper in their walk with our Heavenly Father. Rachael will invite moms to love God and worship Him while sweeping up Cheerios[™], doing laundry, and planning dinner. She challenges mothers to surrender their will to God. She will help you affirm your role as a mother as she shares her own struggles with perfectionism and impatience. Her honesty will surprise you, and her humor will put you at ease. Her books, How Many Times Do I Have to Tell You? and How to Have a HEART for Your Kids are a winsome call for moms to live each day at the foot of His throne. Connect with her online at RachaelCarman.com and the Let's Talk Homeschool podcast.

Management for Moms: Friendly Advice From a Homeschool Vet

Things to Learn:

- How to juggle the pins of a normal homeschool day
- How to preserve time to care for both your husband and
- Developing strategies to simplify the basics

Takeaways:

- House cleaning is not only mom's job. "If they're old enough to walk, they're old enough to work."
- Keep the "home" in "homeschooling." Don't let extra activities get into competition with the priorities of your homeschooling. Work within the rhythms of the season of life your family is in right now.
- It is more important to pass the great love test, than to pass the white glove test!

Recommended Resource:

- Homemade Convenience Foods: How to Get Dinner on the Table in 15 Minutes or Less by Marcia Washburn
- MarciaWashburn.com

Notes:



MARCIA WASHBURN **Building Tomorrow's Generation**

Marcia Washburn and her husband homeschooled their five sons in rural Colorado for 19 years. Marcia is known for her practical, down-to-earth writing and live presentations, offering strategies, support, and encouragement on familyrelated topics such as parenting, homeschooling, music, and home caregiving. She is the author of over a dozen books, and her articles have appeared in many nationally-recognized magazines, as well. She has enjoyed speaking to homeschoolers across the country, as well as in Ecuador and Russia.

God-Centered Curriculum: How It's Different, and Why It Matters

Things to Learn:

- Recognizing the trap of productivity glorification
- How to rightly view your use of time
- Why walking in the Spirit is key

Takeaways:

- The little interruptions of life are not keeping you from your work; they ARE your work. Redefine your definition of productivity so you can keep your sanity and your happiness.
- Let your kids make a mess. Let them make a mistake. Partner with them and teach them through the messy mistakes.
- The most important thing to teach your kids is the sovereignty of God.

Recommended Resources:

- How Can I Feel Productive as a Mom? by Esther Engelsma
- Building a God-Centered Family by Matthew Henry, edited by Scott Brown
- Family Reformation by Scott Brown
- A Theology of the Family by Scott Brown
- Missional Motherhood by Gloria Furman
- Church and Family Life

Motes:



SCOTT & DEBORAH BROWN

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Scott and Deborah Brown are the parents of four children and have 17 grandchildren. Scott is president of the ministry Church and Family Life, and pastor at Hope Baptist Church in Wake Forest, North Carolina, He gives his time to expository preaching and local pastoral ministry, as well as conferences on biblical doctrine and church and family reformation. Scott helps people think through the two greatest evangelistic and discipleship institutions God has provided — the church and the family. Deborah Brown has sincerely and happily embraced the glorious calling of biblical womanhood, and she is known far and wide for her hospitality and her practical, Godcentered, no-compromise counsel.

Fitting it All in Your Budget

Things to Learn:

- How to fit it all into your budget, even as a one-income family
- Setting and meeting your financial goals
- Planning for how to handle financial discussions in your marriage and family

Takeaways:

- You must change the heart of the issue and make it into a lifestyle so that you don't fall back into your old patterns.
- Our priorities become visible in the way that we budget. As we re-examine our budget, we are re-examining our priorities.
- Let budgeting bring you together as a family! You are a whole family, working on this together. Allow your children to be involved in setting goals.

Recommended Resources:

- The 2% Rule to Get Debt Free Fast: An Innovative Method to Pay Your Loans Off for Good by Alex & Cassie Michael
- The Thrifty Couple

Notes:



ALEX & CASSIE MICHAEL

Thrifty Couple

Alex and Cassie Michael live in the Rocky Mountain Northwest where they homeschool their six children. They are now known as The Thrifty Couple after spending themselves into over \$100K of consumer debt and paving it all off in a short time. They started a website (thethriftycouple.com) to give hope and encouragement to families and share the resources they used themselves to pay off all their debt (and still use today to meet all their financial goals). Their book, The 2% Rule to Get Debt Free Fast: An Innovative Method to Pay Your Loans Off for Good. breaks down their method into a step-bystep plan to offer others what they wish they had years ago.

Homemaking Tips and Tricks for the **Busy Homeschool Mom**

Things to Learn:

- The beauty of decluttering
- How to set up a system that works for you in the midst of the
- Why you don't have to be a natural at homemaking skills

Takeaways:

- Being a successful homemaker is not about being perfect or doing everything all the time, but being faithful. The point is that we can't do it all. We need God.
- Teach your children to do their work thoroughly, cheerfully, diligently — work is a privilege given to us by the Lord. Practice this same attitude in yourself. Honor Him with your work.
- Commit even the little or mundane things (like laundry, cooking, and cleaning) to the Lord.
- Lean into Christ when the day is hard, when nothing goes right, and we don't see success. He cares about the little things and your attitude. Take a moment and cry out to Him.

Recommended Resources:

- The Rhythms and Routines Homeschool Planner by Tauna Meyer
- E-courses by the Proverbial Homemaker

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TAUNA MEYER The Proverbial Homemaker

I'm Tauna, owner of Proverbial Homemaker! This is me: Jesus follower, wife, mom, [domestically challenged] homemaker, homeschooler, and writer. Proverbial Homemaker exists to bring you encouragement and tools for the journey. Let us pursue God's call on our lives (no matter the learning curve) and rely on Him to equip us for the task!

Homeschooling on Empty: Biblical **Principles for Relationships and Practical Tips for Home Management**

Things to Learn:

- How to keep going when burnout happens
- Eliminating the causes of burnout
- Homeschooling with caregiving, new babies, and financial

Takeaways:

- If you are feeling worn out in homeschooling, take time to remember why you are doing this in the first place and remember your priorities.
- Don't be afraid to stop and reevaluate. Change and mold your schedule so it works for you and your family.
- Ask for help! Maintain regular accountability as spouses to help each other. Fill your heart with Scripture. Help each other as a family when things are difficult.
- God brings you through your troubles; He doesn't leave you helpless.

Recommended Resources:

- The Battle Within: What Being a Mom Taught Me About Myself by J. Robin Wood
- Sensory Processing 101 by Claire Heffron, Pamela Braley, Dayna Abraham, and Lauren Drobnjak
- HomeWorks by Precept blog
- **BJU Press**
- HomeWorks by Precept
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SHARON FISHER **BJU Press**

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Walking By The Spirit

Things to Learn:

- The role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer
- What happens when spirit led living becomes evident in the life of a family
- What are some traps or substitutes that homeschool families might fall into that distract us from the Holy Spirit

Takeaways:

- Do not let worldly things fill you up and influence your decisions. Rather, let the Holy Spirit fill you up and influence your decisions
- If you know Christ and are miserable, you are grieving him with your sin. You are trying to live out Christainty with your own energy. You are letting rules of legalism and religion guide your life rather than a living relationship with God by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is time to lay that all down at the foot of the cross, submitting to the Lord. Ask the Lord to find your delight in Him. Let your satisfaction be in Him
- Because of the Holy Spirit, we are able to find love, joy, and peace in times of suffering simply by delighting in the Lord each day

Recommended Resources:

- Show Me the Father (documentary)
- Courageous: Legacy (movie)
- Defined by Stephen Kendrick & Alex Kendrick

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STEPHEN KENDRICK

Kendrick Brothers

Stephen Kendrick has dedicated his life to following Jesus Christ and making His truth and love known among the nations. After serving in church ministry for 20 years, he now writes, speaks, and produces Christian films with his brothers, Alex and Shannon, Stephen produced and co-wrote the movies Overcomer, War Room. Courageous, Fireproof, Facing the Giants, and Flywheel. He and Alex also wrote the NY Times bestselling books: The Love Dare, The Resolution for Men, and The Battle Plan for Prayer and have recently released their latest book Defined: Who God Says You Are. He has been interviewed by Fox and Friends, CNN, ABC World News Tonight, and serves on the boards of the Fatherhood CoMission and the Christian Film Foundation. He and his wife, Jill, live in Albany, Georgia with their six children and are active members at Sherwood Church.

How to Be Happily Married While Homeschooling

Things to Learn:

- How husbands can understand the burdens their wives face
- How wives can have something left for their husbands at the end of the day
- Why homeschooling can make your marriage stronger

Takeaways:

- Your marital health is foundational to your home and homeschooling. It's not selfish to spend time with your spouse. Instead, you are making things better and safer for
- In raising your kids, you are a team, and you need to trust your teammates. Create a safe space to communicate openly with each other.
- Don't put your spouses' needs after everybody else's.
- Engage on the academic side, communicate frequently and openly, and choose to cultivate the team spirit. If it's worth doing, it's worth investing in.

Recommended Resources:

- Raising Real Men: Surviving, Teaching, and Appreciating Boys by Hal & Melanie Young
- Making Biblical Family Life Practical podcast by Hal & Melaine
- My Beloved and My Friend: How to Be Married to Your Best Friend Without Changing Spouses by Hal & Melanie Young

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HAL & MELANIE YOUNG

Raising Real Men

Hal and Melanie are the parents of six boys (four of them adults now) and two girls. They are popular conference speakers who began speaking about parenting and teaching boys when people asked, "How in the world do you manage ALL THOSE BOYS?" They are the award-winning authors of several books, including Raising Real Men: Surviving, Teaching, and Appreciating Boys and the hosts of the podcast Making Biblical Family Life Practical.

Laying Down the Rails

Things to Learn:

- Training your children to function as a team so that you work together to fit it all in
- Why habits are good for your children (and you!)
- How habits affect your children's character

Takeaways:

- Instilling good habits in our children will help them all throughout their adult lives! The habits of attention, obedience, and truthfulness are crucial.
- Focus on one habit at a time, but always keep an eye on the ones that are already formed. Habits are inevitable. Which ones are your children forming?
- As a homeschool mom, focus on habits such as a sweet temper, orderliness, etc. Ask the Lord, "What habits do I need to focus on?"

Recommended Resource:

- Laying Down the Rails from Simply Charlotte Mason
- Laying Down the Rails for Children from Simply Charlotte Mason
- Laying Down the Rails for Yourself from Simply Charlotte Mason
- Simply Charlotte Mason

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SONYA SHAFER Simply Charlotte Mason

Sonya Shafer is a popular homeschool speaker and writer. specializing in the Charlotte Mason Method. She has been on an adventure for more than 20 years of studying, practicing, and teaching Charlotte's gentle and effective methods of education. She co-directs SimplyCharlotteMason.com, a place of practical encouragement and help to homeschoolers.

Raising Siblings With Kingdom Vision

Things to Learn:

- Defeating the spirit of jealousy within sibling relationships
- Learning to cultivate spiritual connection within sibling bonds
- How to truly apologize

Takeaways:

- The sibling relationship is the picture and image of Christian friendship, so Satan targets the sibling relationships first. He wants them to work separately and be filled with jealousy for one another; God wants siblings to work together and build spiritual connections.
- The oldest sibling sets the path for the others. When an older sibling leads a younger sibling astray, it is a discipleship situation not a discipline problem.
- God calls for siblings to come together for a kingdom mission!

Recommended Resource:

VisionaryFam.com

Motes:



ROB RIENOW Visionary Family Ministries

Dr. Rob Rienow's most important ministry is loving his wife Amy and partnering with her to lead their seven children to love God. He is the founder of Visionary Family Ministries (VisionaryFam.com), a pastor, international conference speaker, and the author of several books including Visionary Parenting and Visionary Marriage. When Rob is not fishing for men, he enjoys fishing for fish. The Rienow family lives in West Chicago, IL.

Building Your Family Culture: Fitting in Life Outside of School

Things to Learn:

- How to unify your family to work together for the glory of God
- Learn what God's intentions are for how we spend our time
- How to make good entertainment choices
- Steps to training kids to work

Takeaways:

- Life is ultimately work, worship, rest, and rejoicing.
- Life integration is key to our homeschooling our kids in a way that will train them to enjoy work and experience life and ministry, even as children.
- Rest is important. Even though we live in an entertainment culture, we need a different understanding of rest based on the Word of God. When we rejoice before the Lord in our rest, we maximize the rest and pleasure that God has created and given to us. Train your children to enjoy entertainment in community.

Recommended Resources:

- The Worldview in 5 Minutes on TheWorldview.com
- The Tattooed Jesus: What Would the Real Jesus Do With Pop Culture? by Kevin Swanson
- Family Life by Kevin Swanson
- Generations.org

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KEVIN SWANSON

Generations

Homeschooled in the 1960s and 70s. Kevin Swanson and his wife, Brenda, have just finished homeschooling their own five children. Kevin has 43 years of experience in the homeschooling movement and serves as the director of Generations, a ministry he founded to strengthen homeschool families around the country. As a father who wants to leave a godly heritage for his own children, Kevin's passion is to strengthen and encourage the homeschooling movement all over the world and to cast a vision for generations to come. For the last 18 years, Kevin has hosted a radio program — Generations Radio — the world's largest homeschooling and biblical worldview program that reaches families across the US and in over 100 countries. He has also authored several popular books for homeschoolers, including: Freedom, Apostate, Upgrade: 10 Secrets to the Best Education for Your Child, the Family Bible Study Guide series, and others.

Part 1 — Homeschooling Through Hard Times Part 2 — Extracurricular Activities! How to Make Wise Choices for Your Family

Things to Learn:

- How to thrive, not just survive, when God brings hardship to your family
- Strategies for engaging the difficulties of life as a family
- The importance of keeping your family (large or small) close to each other

Takeaways:

- A season of hardship may be a time to call your children up to things they are capable of but that you would not have asked them to do under different circumstances.
- Use mistakes as an opportunity to learn and grow and see how the Word of God is true!
- It is the duty of parents to help children learn discernment and reason through the Word of God and prayer. Equip them with things that will be a blessing to their future families and the church — for they have all been bought with the blood of Jesus.
- Children look up to their parents and see them as an example, so the way you serve and portray that service to them will have a big impact.

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BOB & DEBBIE FINE

Generations

Bob and Debbie Fine have been married 24 years, walking by God's grace and through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. They are grateful parents of ten children. the youngest of which, Charlie, ran to Jesus in March of 2017. The Fines have had the opportunity to embrace many joys and trials along their life journey, everything from financial struggles, losses, and health issues, to the more complicated spiritual struggles. They can attest to God's goodness in exchanging beauty for ashes.

We Will Not Be Silenced: How Parents **Can Respond Courageously**

Things to Learn:

- How to detect the lies of the culture
- Equipping your children to not live in silence
- Passing on a courageous faith

Takeaways:

- Teach your children to detect the lies and propaganda of the culture and then lovingly stand for truth and take the consequences.
- Think of eternity and not just now. It is not necessary to win on earth to win in Heaven.
- Praying actual Scripture will revolutionize your life. You begin to lay ahold of God and discover new ways to intercede for your child.
- God has led us all to this hour. We are ready for it if we are ready to pay the price. He has not abandoned us but is here among us, ready to strengthen us if we humble ourselves and seek Him.

Recommended Resources:

- We Will Not Be Silenced: Responding Courageously to Our Culture's Assault on Christianity by Dr. Erwin Lutzer
- Hitler's Cross: The Revealing Story of How the Cross of Christ Was Used As a Symbol of the Nazi Agenda by Dr. Erwin Lutzer
- When a Nation Forgets God: 7 Lessons We Must Learn from Nazi Germany by Dr. Erwin Lutzer
- Montessori for Everyone
- A Practical Guide for Praying Parents by Dr. Erwin Lutzer
- Awesome Bible Verses Every Kid Should Know by Rebecca Lutzer

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DR. ERWIN LUTZER **Moody Church**

Pastor Lutzer is Pastor Emeritus of The Moody Church in Chicago. where he served as Senior Pastor for 36 years. He has written numerous books and his radio program, Running to Win, is heard on several hundred radio stations in the United States and in several other countries.

How to Face Your Fears and Stay Faithful to Your Eternal Priorities

Things to Learn:

- Biblical principles for faithfulness in the little things
- How to act as a fountain, not a drain
- Why you need to say "no"
- How blessings are waiting on the other side of your fears

Takeaways:

- It's natural to have fear supernatural to have faith. God wants our faith; He wants us to believe that His promises are true, regardless of what makes sense to our physical sight. Fear is a time for our faith to rise.
- Respond with faith instead of control if we see our children making decisions that we did not expect or
- When we see the battle before us from a spiritual perspective, we fight the battle against the real enemy rather than fighting against each other. Learn to see the battle from God's perspective!
- Help your kids overcome their fears through the blood of the Lamb and testimonies of God's faithfulness.
- We can turn the lights on for our kids so that they can see the truth.

Recommended Resources:

- Living Among Lions by David and Jason Benham
- The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren
- Miracle in Shreveport by David & Jason Benham
- Benham Brothers app
- Benhambrothers.com

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DAVID & LORI BENHAM AND JASON & TORI BENHAM

Benham Brothers

David and Lori Benham and Jason and Tori Benham have homeschooled their children from the beginning of their school journey and enjoy a close family life that includes living on the same street! David and Jason are former professional baseball players, nationally acclaimed entrepreneurs, and best selling authors. Their rise to success earned them a reality show with HGTV that was set to air in the fall of 2014 – yet the show was abruptly cancelled because of their commitment to biblical values. Appearing on CNN, Fox News, ESPN, ABC's Nightline & Good Morning America, the Benhams continue to stand up for what they believe and encourage others to do the same.

Being a Woman of the Word

Things to Learn:

- The #1 thing homeschool families are lacking
- How to practically fit Bible reading into your day
- Steps to raising children who pray
- Understanding the excitement and relevance of our relationship with the Lord

Takeaways:

- The beautiful principle God gives us is to come to the Word morning and evening so that the flame never goes out.
- If we don't have a passion for the Word, we cannot pass it on to our children! His Word must be our greatest passion.
- If we do not feed our children's souls, they are not ready for the day. A meal of only physical food is only half a meal, we must feed their souls.
- Learn how to read the Word and journal so you do not forget.

Recommended Resources:

- Daily Light on the Daily Path by Samuel Bagster
- The Power of Motherhood by Nancy Campbell
- 100 Days of Blessing: Devotions for Wives and Mothers Volumes I & II by Nancy Campbell
- Above Rubies magazine
- nancy@aboverubies.org
- AboveRubies.org

Motes:



NANCY CAMPBELL Above Rubies

Nancy Campbell is the editress of Above Rubies, a magazine to encourage and strengthen wives, mothers, and homemakers. She has been producing this magazine for over 43 years and it is still going! Nancy speaks to mothers throughout the USA and overseas. She and her husband. Colin, are blessed with 10 children (four of whom are adopted), 50 grandchildren, and 20 greatgrandchildren so far, and they are hoping for many more. Many of you will be familiar with her daughters, Serene and Pearl of Trim Healthy Mama.

What Will Your Legacy Be? Reflections of a Homeschooled, Homeschooling Mama

Things to Learn:

- Action steps to evaluating your homeschooling success with the right measuring stick
- How to assess time in light of eternal priorities
- Principles to leaving a legacy that matters in God's view

Takeaways:

- We cannot base our lives or our definition of success on what the world tells us. Instead, we should counsel our hearts with the truth of God's Word.
- Build a culture of meditating on and delighting in God's Word for your family!
- We are not looking for temporary success, but the long-term goal of generational faithfulness.

Recommended Resources:

- Legacy: Reflections of a Homeschooled, Homeschooling Mama by Ruth Adams
- Legacy Homeschool Reflections podcast

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RUTH ADAMS

Legacy

Ruth Adams is a homeschooled. homeschooling mama – homeeducated herself in the 1970s and 1980s and now homeschooling her own seven children, she seeks to pass on the legacy of faith her parents imparted to her. She has an almost forty year perspective on the homeschooling movement and encourages parents to reach the hearts of their children with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She offers warnings against falling into ditches along the way, while exhorting parents to take a biblicallybalanced approach to raising their children for the glory of God. Ruth understands the challenges and joys of being a homeschooling mama and loves mentoring other mothers who desire to disciple the hearts of their children for Christ.

The Ultimate Goal of Education

Things to Learn:

- Action steps for dealing with discouragement
- How to accomplish our ultimate goal with unwilling children
- What to do when our children are grown and we realize we didn't have the proper goal
- Why harmony in marriage impacts our progress

Takeaways:

- We define success as self-centered rather than significant. We need to redefine our definition of success. True success is bringing honor and glory to God, not ourselves.
- Our kids know we are sinners, there's no hiding that. Be authentic with them. Repent in front of them when you are wrong and ask for their forgiveness if needed.
- Put your armor on each morning! Anticipate that the day will not go as you want but the Lord is sovereign.
- Pray together as husband and wife. If there is a problem with your child, take the time to evaluate and help your child. Create an environment where your children can come to you with anything.
- The Lord will take what we see as a tragedy and turn it around into a blessing.

Recommended Resources:

- How to Bring Your Children to Christ ... and Keep Them There by Ray Comfort
- Passing the Torch by Emeal Zwayne CD
- The Way of the Master for Kids by Kirk Cameron and Ray
- Made in Heaven by Ray Comfort and Jeffrey Seto
- Ten Commandments Scroll Pen
- LivingWaters.com

Motes:



EMEAL & RACHEL ZWAYNE

Living Waters

Emeal ("E.Z.") and Rachel Zwayne have home educated all five of their children from the time that each of them was old enough to begin learning. They have graduated their two oldest daughters (now 19 and 20 years old) and continue to home educate their younger children (who are 11, 14, and 15 years old). In E.Z.'s capacity as a pastor for many years, and through his role as the President of Living Waters, he has ministered to families and individuals all across the world through his sermons, writings, training courses, movies, and international television program. Rachel has mentored countless home-educating mothers through her writings, conference messages, and one-on-one discipleship. Together, they share a passion for building up Christian families, while encouraging and inspiring them to live for the glory of God.

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