

Work it Out... Preparing the Homeschool Teacher.



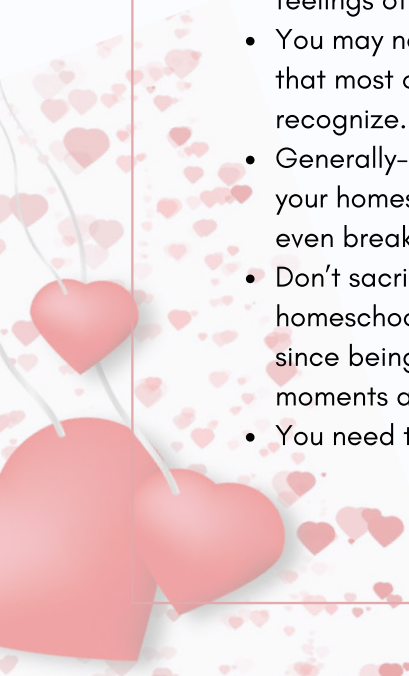
How to get the most out of this worksheet...

- *Take time to watch the corresponding video first. Grab a journal or open a fresh online document and start working these questions out. These worksheets are not editable by design-- rather, they give you a little room for brainstorming before you take to really working out your vision and dreams for your family.*
- *Really take time to think through the questions here and thoughtfully answer each one. The questions are here to help you think through things that you may not have taken the time to truly consider before, and you'll be amazed at how much clarity you'll get just by stopping to write down what's in your heart for your children*

It's actually really important to consider and prepare yourself for how the choice to homeschool your children will impact you as you become the homeschool teacher, but also how it will impact you in your roles as a spouse, as a parent, and even as a person. For a lot of us, the very last person we ever think about is ourselves, but if we aren't paying attention to the emotions brewing inside of us, we may find that we're totally taken aback when we get to the end of our rope.

Before you start writing, let's review some of the important points from this lesson:

- Homeschooling for the heart truly is a very natural thing to do, because it has so many missional, parenting, and discipleship elements to it. I hope you have a better understanding now just how important those elements are... because, remember, if you gain their minds but lose their hearts, you've lost the battle.
- It's doubtful that there's a single selfish reason involved in the sacrifices you're making, so reminding yourself of that higher call we discussed-- the call that is for the good of your children and your children's children--will take the focus off yourself and place it back where it should be... focusing on anyone other than yourself makes it much easier to avoid feelings of inadequacy.
- You may not have "arrived" yet, but you're moving in that direction-- and I would imagine that most of the things you feel inadequate about, your children and spouse don't even recognize.
- Generally-speaking, you need to go with your natural bent in how you set up and attack your homeschool days-- otherwise, you'll find it's much easier for you to get frustrated or even break.
- Don't sacrifice your mission on the altar of your well-designed plan. Flexibility is a homeschool subject some of us moms and dads need to focus on a bit in our own lives, since being flexible allows us to be available when those precious Teach Them Diligently moments appear.
- You need to recognize that taking care of yourself is not a selfish pursuit!



Do you struggle with feelings of inadequacy? Satan sure does love to use those to make us discouraged and ineffective. Remember, your hope isn't found in your own efforts or worth. Your hope— your confident expectation like we discussed from Hebrews 6— is found in Christ Alone. You don't need to worry about being inadequate, because He Who called you to this mission promises never to leave you or forsake you while you're on it! Take a few minutes to write down why you believe God led you on this path-- and ask God to bring verses or phrases to mind that you can use in the days ahead to combat those feelings of inadequacy. It's good to be prepared!



Naturally, you're not perfect, so it's super helpful to remind yourself of how you are growing and changing. Make note of how are you engaged in becoming a better parent... how are you learning better ways to teach within your homeschool... how are you talking to credible people and reading good materials... how you are praying and asking God for strength and wisdom for each day. (As a reminder, TTD365 is packed with resources and community to help you in most of those areas of personal growth listed above! Plug in and grow with us there!)

How does your personality need to impact how you approach your homeschool? How will the schedule, the organizational structure, the time allocated, the busyness of it, etc. need to be set up to give you as a homeschool parent the greatest chance at successfully completing your mission?

