

Work it Out...

What is Heart Schooling?

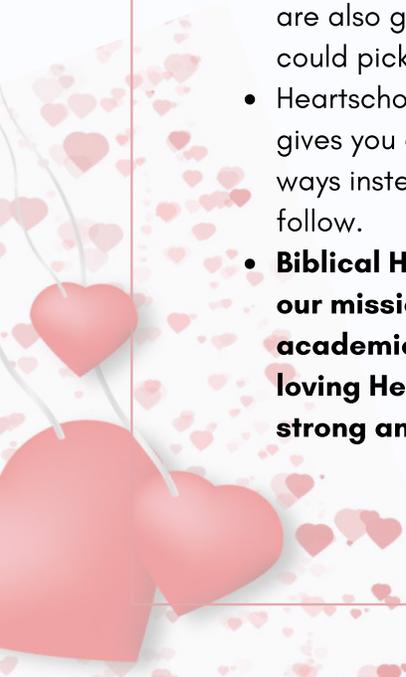
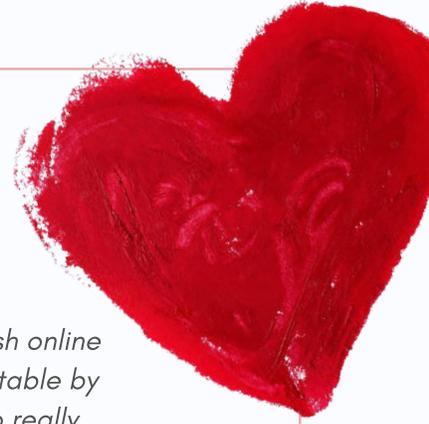
How to get the most out of this worksheet...

- *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*

Knowing and truly understanding your calling and your mission, and how those things should impact your daily decisions and larger goals are really important elements to ensure your long-term success as a Heart Schooler. I promise that a better understanding of all that homeschooling entails will enlarge your vision of it and make you way more likely to stay on mission on those rough days that will come your way.

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

- Homeschooling is NOT just an academic pursuit. Homeschooling as just an academic pursuit looks for check boxes, and success is generally measured in grades and physical achievements. Homeschooling for the heart, on the other hand, focuses on principles and unmovable ANCHORS, so that our definition of success is not limited to those things that we can check boxes for.
- Heart Schoolers realize that by combining character instruction and godly parenting with academic instruction, they are giving their children a great education, AND, they are also giving them so much more— saving them from heartaches and scars that they could pick up along the way in another educational setting.
- Heartschooling doesn't focus on what other people think but on a higher call, so it gives you an anchor that is found in Christ alone. When your focus is on Him and His ways instead of your perception of other's expectations, you'll find that peace will follow.
- **Biblical Home Education MUST be first and foremost focused on the heart of our mission as parents, using every opportunity, every conversation, every academic exercise as another chance to help them see their great and good, loving Heavenly Father in a practical, tangible way that will make their faith strong and personal.**



As I noted in the lesson, David and I have come to define homeschooling as “Parents seizing control of decisions related to the education of their children as part of their ultimate goal of raising their children to love God, love people, and to be well-prepared to take advantage of every opportunity God gives them in the days ahead.” How would your family define homeschooling? How does your definition really impact your activities?



Blank space for writing a response to the first question.

As you think it through, what are some of the differences you can think of between heart schooling and homeschooling? How do those things show up in your daily life, and why do you think that considering and understanding the difference is so important?

Blank space for writing a response to the second question.

We noted that Hebrews 6 talks about the certainty of God’s promises— the author reminds us that it’s impossible for Him to lie. Then in verse 19, we’re reminded that because of that “we have sure and steadfast anchor of the soul— a hope!” That hope, that anchor, isn’t found in your efforts or your worth... as a Christian homeschooling parent, seeking to shepherd the heart of your children and prepare them to change the world one day for the Kingdom of God, your HOPE...your confident expectation... is in God alone. How does that truth change the way you think about your homeschool days?

Blank space for writing a response to the third question.

**How does focusing on the hope available in Christ alone change your approach? Do you feel a weight being lifted already?
I sure hope so!**

