

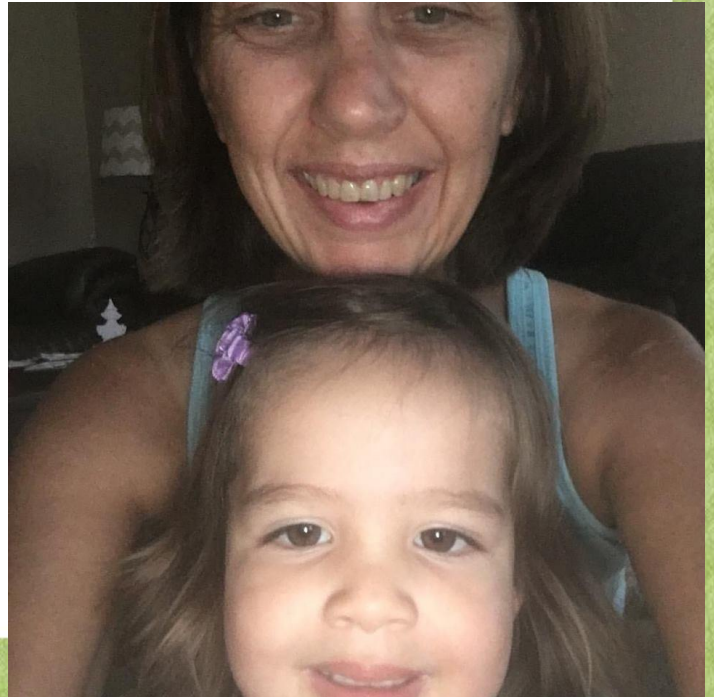


Top 5 Mistakes Homeschoolers Make & How **YOU Can Avoid Them**

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Today . . .

- How to set the right goals for your homeschool and your family
- 1 simple trick to choose the right curriculum for your kids
- 3 daily habits to **simplify your homeschool schedule**
- **Cheapest, Easiest** way to homeschool your kids
- 2 strategies I used to prepare my children for adult life
- How you can save money on curriculum at your annual homeschool book fair
- Resources from experienced homeschoolers
- And much more



Common Sense

- May seem simple, but sometimes we need to take a step back
- “I already know that”
- Encouragement if you’re not making mistakes



Mistake #1

- Not having the end goal in mind
 - *Without a vision, the people perish. Proverbs 29:18*
- What do you want to accomplish?
 - College?
 - Job?
 - Spouse?
 - Family?
 - Following God?



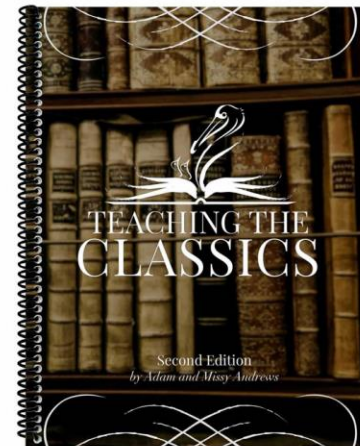
Mistake #1 – No End Goal

- Younger Kids
 - What foundation do you need to provide?
- Older Kids
 - Are you filling in the details?



Mistake #1 – No End Goal

- Our family
 - Biblical foundation
 - Breakfast Devotions
 - To Think Critically & Biblically
 - Dinner Discussions
 - Ability to create income or own a business
 - Real Life Experiences
 - <http://HowToHomeschoolMyChild.com>
 - FamilyEbiz.com





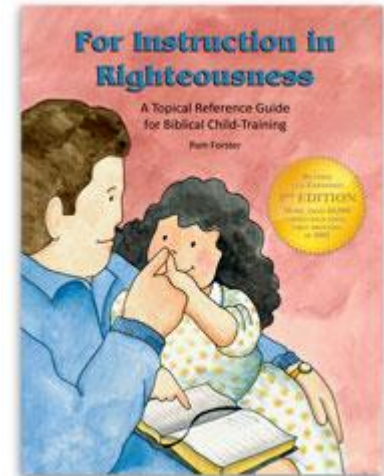
Mistake #2

- Spending LOTS of money on the WRONG curriculum
- Match your curriculum to your goals
 - Following God – Devotions, Bible studies, Service
 - College – Research college requirements
 - Job – Mentor opportunities, Internships
 - Home – Sewing, Cooking, Gardening, Home Management
 - Husband/Wife-Character Development, Personal Development



Mistake #2 – Overspending

- Not homeschool in a box
- Buy curriculum that can be used for multiple purposes
 - As a family – everyone uses it at one time
 - Bible studies
 - Character development
 - Year after Year
 - TruthQuest History





Mistake #2 – Overspending

- Our Family
 - Do your research
 - Listen & Learn from Experienced Homeschoolers

If I ever need guidance I consult experienced homeschoolers,... Those experienced homeschoolers will have more practical information than any consultant could offer.

(www.nutbugs.com)



Mistake #3

- Making homeschool complicated
- Complicated or Busy Schedule
- Complicated Lessons
- You as teacher doing ALL the teaching
 - 3 kids x 6 subjects = 18 lesson preps
- Individualization
 - Opportunity you can't get in traditional school
 - Can be stumbling block



Mistake #3 – Complicated Homeschool

- Integrate homeschool into everyday life
 - Breakfast devotions & Dinner discussions
 - Read aloud as a family, even in high school
- Don't teach every subject to every child every year
 - Pick & Choose



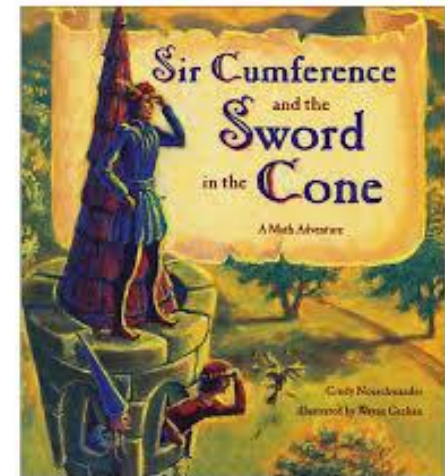
Mistake #3 – Complicated Homeschool

- Our Family
 - Younger Kids
 - Language Arts through 10 years old
 - Add math after 10 years old
 - Do math in every day life
 - Older Kids
 - Learning on their own – tools of learning
 - Video Programs - Humanities
 - Group kids for subjects



Mistake #4

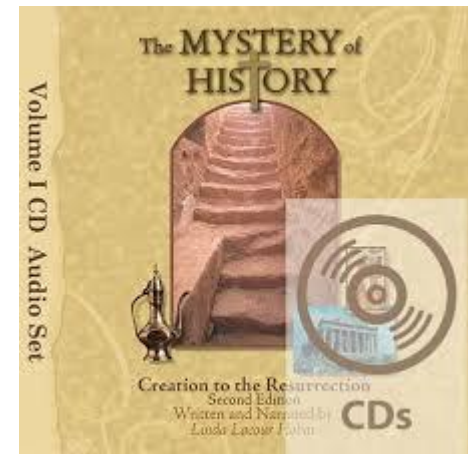
- Using textbooks, scope & sequence to teach each & every subject
- What is education anyway?
- Cheapest, Easiest Way to Homeschool
 - Real Books
 - Library





Mistake #4 – Textbooks

- Our Family
 - Reading Journals
 - Group Time – 1st thing each morning after breakfast
 - Read aloud – take turns choosing books
 - Bible songs
 - Poetry
 - Hymns
 - Bible studies
 - Character studies
 - Art Appreciation





Mistake #5

- Not giving your children the Tools of Learning
- Will your children be able to learn on their own when they leave your home?
- Do they have the tools to teach themselves whatever they need?



Mistake #5 – Tools of Learning

- Our Family
 - Older Kids
 - Learning on their own
 - Study topics they are interested in
 - Dinner Discussions
 - Critical Thinking Skills
 - Questions, Questions, Questions
 - Writing Activities
 - Research Skills – NOT book reports



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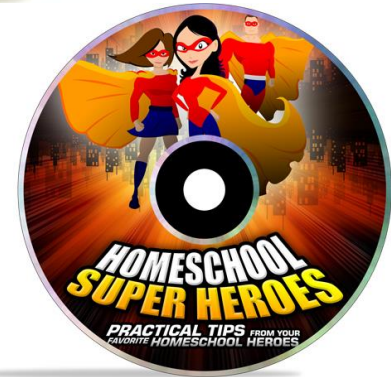


Need More Advice

“What a new homeschooler needs is support from friends, family and veteran homeschoolers.”

“To be honest, if I was looking for help with our homeschooling, I would rely on the wisdom of other homeschooling parents.”

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Janice Campbell
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Jeannie Fulbright
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Thank you for all of your heart, time & energy you've invested to help all of us who at one time or another feel like we are "going it alone"! I thank the Lord for people like you who have gone before us and are helping us along our way!!

*I am a pastor's wife and home school mom of 2....with 2 years to go 'till high school graduation. **We've been homeschooling since kindergarten...and I still want/need encouragement & an occasional "shot in the arm" - a boost to keep the momentum going!** Thank you for offering it! Bless you, dear sister!*
~Kelly



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