

Lesson 12



Managing the Home with Teens Bonnie Detwiler: Panel

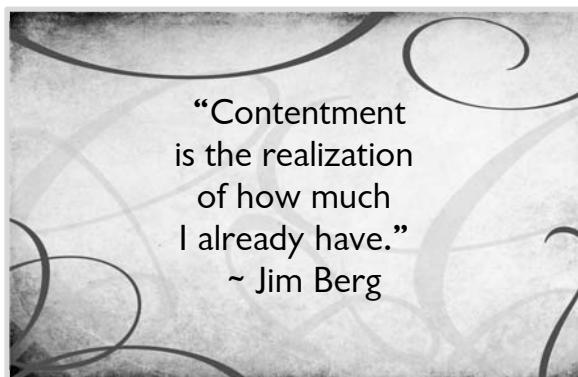
*And God is able to make all grace abound to you,
so that having all sufficiency in everything,
you may have an abundance for every good deed.
~ 2 Corinthians 9:8*

Definition of “Management”

The mental process of planning, controlling, and evaluating your resources (time, finances, and possessions) in order to accomplish your goals.

Hidden Treasure principle is based on

2 Corinthians 4:7, But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves.



Time

1. What are some ways to manage your day-to-day routine with teens in your home?
 2. How do you decide how much (home management) to delegate to your busy teens?

Time Wasters

1. Over-planning your day
 - Remember priorities
 - Begin with the eternal.
 - Learn to say “no.”
2. Duplication of effort
 - Doing over what someone else has already done.
 - Don’t be a perfectionist. (“Good enough might have to be good enough.”)
3. Over-control
 - Too much time planning
 - Inflexible
 - Worrying/fretting
4. Indecision

Make a choice; stick with it.
5. Procrastination

Pray about decision; do it now; it is taken care of.
6. Over-recreation

TV, cell phone, videos, computer, texting, resting, reading, exercising, etc.
“Fun is the dessert.”
7. Reading blog sites and Facebook while other things go neglected

“Make excellent choices.”
8. Inefficiency
 - Don’t walk through your home empty handed.
 - Multitask
 - Don’t get sidetracked on the Internet.

Perspectives on time demands:

- Duty? – Resentment
- Creative experience? – Challenge
- Opportunity to serve others? – Motivation

Finances

3. Can you give us 3-4 money-saving tips that you incorporate in your home.
 4. How much financial responsibility should we place on our teens to care for their own needs?

Being a Good Shopper

Educated:

Be familiar with Consumer Reports.
Use generic products.
Read the small print.
Practice comparison shopping.
Learn good quality (construction, fabrics, materials, weaves).

Prayerful:

Pray for the Lord's direction for your needs.
You are responsible to the Lord for how YOU spend.
Don't be judgmental of others.

Wise:

Where to shop?
Word of mouth
Consignment shops
Garage sales
Goodwill
Newspaper
Outlets
Estate sales
Lost 'n Found sales

How? and When?

Avoid label trap.
Be a "sale" shopper.
Don't grocery shop when you are hungry.
Don't buy something unless you LOVE it.
Don't shop when discouraged or depressed.
Buy gifts in advance.

Contented:

Philippians 4:11
I Timothy 6:6-8
Hebrews 13:5

Possessions

Clutter vs. Organization

Organization

“To set in order” . . . getting control over our lives

Key = Keep life simple!

Process of getting rid of clutter:

1. Identify the problem, and don't horde things!
2. Get rid of excuses—
 - I might need it someday.
 - They don't make them anymore. (Maybe there is a reason.)
 - It holds special memories for me. (Be considerate of your spouse on this point.)
 - I paid too much for it to dispose of it. (Try a yard sale.)
3. If you haven't used it in over 2 years, consider giving it to someone who can use it.
4. Look for a plan—
 - Divide the large project into smaller ones; dedicate 2 hours a day.
 - Use 3 boxes:
 - “Keep”
 - “Not sure”—deal with later
 - “Toss”
 - Preserve the memory, but condense the collection – Take a picture and discard the items.
 - Imagine moving next week; keep what you would take with you, and prepare the rest for a “Moving Sale.”

Work heartily (Colossians 3:23),

*Whatever you do, do your work heartily,
as for the Lord rather than for men.*

willingly (Proverbs 31:13),

*She looks for wool and flax
and works with her hands in delight.*

and with a sweet attitude.



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