

Day 4

On Your Mark, continued

Time to consider the actual “where” of where you are!

Your home. It’s the primary location where education takes place for your family. School districts spend bazillions of dollars (roughly) on these structures, and they’ve got the benefit of tax dollars, obviously, unlike you. That’s okay, though . . .the Lord is your Provider! He’s the One who gave you the home you have, and He’ll help you make it work.

So let’s locate your home. Where are you? Is your area more country, town or city?

Did you move into your home before or after you began homeschooling? Was homeschooling a consideration when you were house/apartment hunting?

How do you like your own “Old Schoolhouse?” Describe it. What about your home really works for you as a homeschooling family?

Is this your home for the entire year, or will you be moving sometime during school?

In considering our homes, obviously we have to consider the way we personally fulfill the directive to be “keepers of our homes.” I remember hearing James Dobson once say that he felt the worst thing mothers of young children do to one another is to clean up before another young mom comes over for a visit. Pretty good insight for a guy!

Please know that when you actually LIVE in your house, it’s probably not going to be ready for a House Beautiful photo shoot all the time—and maybe never! Most of us have a tendency to compare ourselves

and our possessions to what's around us. Comparing your lived-in home to those of people who are gone all day from their homes will surely drive you crazy!

Would you characterize your house as generally messy or is it usually pretty picked up? How do you feel about that? What about your husband--is he a "messy" or a "clean freak?"

Does keeping your house clean and organized come easily to you, or is it truly a chore?

Are your kids already trained to work around the house, or do you need them to help you more?

Does your house feel like a home? Is your heart there? What about the rest of your family—how do they feel? Ask the Lord to enlighten you about this.
