

Know Your "Why"

No matter where you are in your homeschooling journey, it is important to remember “why” you are homeschooling. For each person, it is different or more focused in a certain area, and each child is different and has different needs. God leads us in His plan and purpose for our lives, and we need to be sensitive to His guidance.

It is important to know the “why” as you are faced with challenges throughout the school year. Homeschooling can be an emotional, spiritual, and physical battle, and we need to have a firm foundation to stand on when a "storm" comes.

Here are some reasons to know your "why" that we recently discussed in the New to Homeschooling small group this summer:

1. Know the “why” so you can move forward with confidence.

We all have times of feeling inadequate or times of questioning, but continue to trust in the Lord. [Jeremiah 17:7-8](#)

2. Know your “why” so you can stay focused.

It is so easy to see others and think you should be like them, but stay focused on your family values. [Philippians 3:12-14](#)

3. Know the “why” so you can keep going in the hard times.

When it seems so overwhelming or circumstances come up that seem too much to handle, don't give up! There is a “payoff”, a “harvest,” in the end. [Galatians 6:9](#), [Hebrews 10:36](#)

4. Know the “why” so you can tell people your philosophy of education.

You may have family and friends, or even nosy neighbors, who question your decision. Be ready to give an answer and stand firm with gentleness and respect. [1 Peter 3:13-16](#)

Most importantly, remember that it is God who is leading you to homeschool, and He will be with you through every step of the process! [Jeremiah 29:11](#)

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