

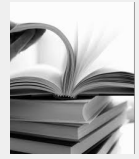


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Psalm 31: 24 "Be strong and let your heart take courage. All you who hope in the LORD."

Hebrews 12: 2 "...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and the perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."



Teachers Heartlight

I was recently having a phone conversation with my sister, discussing our busy schedules. I was joking about the fact that many people have the misconception homeschoolers are always at home! I was expressing how much I wished I had just one day of the week to stay at home, and not have to go anywhere, all day long!

I think about the different activities our children are involved in, and I wouldn't give up any of them. They are being allowed the time to try new things, pursue their dreams, and achieve goals they would not have been able to achieve in a traditional school setting. Now the challenge is to make sure they don't take on more than they can handle.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 says, "*Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might...*"

As parents, our goal is to teach and train our children to accomplish their tasks with excellence. Whatever they are doing (chores, schoolwork, 4-H projects, music lessons, sports, volunteering) they should always work to do their personal best. If they take on too much, they divide their attention and can no longer accomplish tasks with all their might.

As believers, we should do everything to the best of our ability. The Bible says in Daniel 6:3 that "*...Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him...*" Daniel was trusted with authority because his life was an example of excellence!

Encourage your students to do their best, in everything they do. Teach them to live a balanced life, not taking on more than they can handle, so that they can accomplish each task with excellence.

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(verses used are from the Amplified Bible)