**The Heart of Homeschooling  *Core Principles for Every Mile of the Journey***

1. Embrace Your Freedom

Pioneers paved the way.

Homeschooling is a benefit, not a hindrance to higher education.

Freedom to prioritize relationship.

2. Clarify Your Chief End

Outperforming their peers is never the goal.

Relationships and hearts are the litmus test.

3. Seek God

He gives wisdom liberally.

His Word is all that you need for life, godliness, and homeschooling.

4. Gear Up for a Marathon

Fix your eyes above THIS day, moment, lesson, week, and year.

A bad day, week, or year doesn’t make a bad homeschool.

This mile won’t lose you the race.

5. Curriculum is Disposable

NOT your most important choice

NOT your slave driver

NOT necessary

NOT a measuring stick

CAN NOT be “caught up” on

6. Learn the Word “No”

Protect your time

Be a good steward

7. Prepare for Change

Be teachable

Observe your children

Respond to YOUR reality

8. Fence Your Heart

Influence = quality over quantity

Get OFF of the roller coaster

Trust God to provide what you need

Steward your time AND your resources

Curate your newsfeed

9. Keep Schoolwork in its Rightful Place

Keep the main things the main things

Know your child’s limits

Don’t make an idol of “done”

10. Don’t be Blown About by Every Wind of Homeschool Trend

Know your philosophy

Tether yourself to your aim and your ideals

Don’t overhaul thoughtlessly

Make changes sensibly

“Sleep on” every new idea and every ounce of inspiration

11. Understand the Task Before You

12. Trust the Lord

He calls, He provides

This isn’t dependent upon you

He knows your children