

IN DUE SEASON

**Part 1**

**Comparison is a killer of joy.**

Homework:

1. I encourage you to take this week to look at the progress you have made for the year and celebrate your small victories.
2. Take some time to journal about some common comparisons that try to steal your joy. Sometimes just being aware of them is a great defense against getting off track.
3. Write some goals for each of your kids. What is one thing you want to have completed this school year for academics and what is one thing you want to add for them personally.
4. Lastly check on your level of joy. Are there areas where comparing is keeping you from seeing the great things you are getting done in your homeschool?

Look for an encourager in your life. Visit me through my blog if you don't find one and we will encourage each other. I believe you are doing an amazing thing by schooling at home. It is no small feat and often a huge sacrifice. You deserve a hug and a large Mocha Latte. I hope you can spend this week embracing your unique and wonderful you-ness.



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**Part 3**

**Find your family's personal rhythms and schedule without comparison or guilt**

Homework

1. On a separate sheet of paper, write down what a perfect homeschool day should look like.
2. Take that outside to a safe place and burn it!
3. Write down what your actual day looks like, make it hour specific. Look for what I call hinge points. For us it is a start time, a break time, lunch and wrap up. Meals are good stopping points. I find assigning independent work like reading right before meals allows me to prep food without losing work time.
4. Are there areas of your schedule that are not working well?

Allow yourself to make drastic changes if needed. For a few years, it was easier for us to do all of our reading at in the evenings because we stayed up later. Look for when individual children work best as well. I have a son that can do math in the morning, but if we wait until the afternoon it takes 3x as long.