

① Stewardship & Priorities

Whether you are an instinctive-impulsive thing when you feel like it or whether you are an organized-compulsive thing it is important to find your priorities & be a good steward of your time & strength. Both of these extremes need to change in order to be a Godly woman

② a loving wife

③ a loving guiding Christian mother

④ a good housekeeper with

⑤ an open hospitable home

⑥ who has time for everyone

② God's will is indicated by having a special bride laid out on our hearts so that we can find relief only in prayer. This leads to the ministry of intercession and gives direction to our future work for the Lord.

(Ezra 9+10) - when he returned to Jerusalem he found the people in a tragically compromised condition - married to pagans. Ezra could only minister through intercessory prayer - he fell on his face before God + interceded for their sins

② Three areas to consider:

Goals

Priorities -

Planning -

Instinct-impulsives do most things on the "spur of the moment", when they feel like it - so they don't do the housework when they don't feel like it.

They need to establish goals - preferably one at a time, set up their priorities based on God's value systems and then rigidly plan their days until they have accomplished that one goal. Then move on to another.

③ e.g. an instinct-impulsive woman has an endurance run of about 2 weeks.

on a particular goal. Strive to increase that time period to 1 mo. then 6 mos.

When it comes to priorities - it's just a matter of making choices

Let me suggest: that time set aside with Him daily

- ① Our relationship
- ② Husband
- ③ Role as mother
- ④ Role in the Body of Christ + other family
- ⑤ Housework
- ⑥ Time for yourself.

④ For an instinctive-impulsive

you must ask yourself daily
"Am I being a good steward
of my time?" or am I rationalizing
my lack of accomplishment?
This is where planning

must come in. Take several
days & actually list what you
do with each moment of the day

- how much TV - in actual hrs.
- how much time cleaning
- how much time on phone
- how much time studying
with the Lord
- how much time in real
prayer - (I don't mean
talking to the Lord while
you work)

Develop a schedule & keep to it

Attack your problem areas

⑤ Keep on attacking -

Make ^{out} a system ~~to~~ orderly
house - if it fails, make
another one. But keep at it
until you win

discipline yourself to be

disciplined - order yourself
around - march yourself
up to the bathroom +
clean it - keep on schedule

Eventually it will become
natural + you can relax
back into your real self
a little without sacrificing
your orderliness + motivation

⑥ Now the organized-
compulsive has another
problem. She needs to
concentrate on priorities

Her priorities are usually
all twisted - usually ~~based~~
based on pride: pride
in a perfect house, - i.e.

spots on her glasses & dinner
no towel out of place in bathroom
the kids dressed perfectly etc

These are just preps for
bolstering one's ego & peak
of materialism being more
important than people.

~~My mother was just such~~

8) day - bringing home anyone he found at all times of day or night. She admitted to me after his death how she didn't really like company that much & how good Dad was for her rigidity.

Needless to say - I rebelled against her rules & rigid life style. But ~~the~~ as I matured I realized the value of an orderly home + life.

Actually, there must be a balance between our own inherited personalities + lifestyles + what we know is right. Our lives + homes need to be brought under the Lordship of Christ in EVERY AREA,
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