“Disorganization and disorder hinders peace.” – Howard Dayton, Compass Ministries

“Let all things be done decently and in order.” 1 Corinthians 14:40

The key question in getting organized: “How can I be more (or better) prepared for this?”

**Fifteen Basic Tips for Home and Family Organization**

1. “Everything has a place. Everything in its place.”

2. Your day starts the night before.

3. Handle a paper one time and one time only.

4. Be in the habit of regularly purging.

5. Use colored file folders to organize daily papers.
6. Create an Important Papers Notebook for your family.

7. Utilize baskets in every room.

8. Create a Central Home Management Area

9. Teach, and then require kids to daily “make” their bed and pick up their floor.

10. Stock duplicates in each room of the house.

11. Manage time instead of letting it manage you.

12. Pick up every evening, at least on the living level.

13. Implement a chore plan for kids.

14. Don’t “force” your organization on your family.
15. Minimize your personal schedule.

“Chances are, if you become disorganized in one area of your life, the disorganization will spread. With so many of us having so little time, the problem can quickly get out of control, leading even to chaos. Areas of life that need managing are time, projects and to-dos, paperwork, stuff and space. You’ll probably need to experiment with organizational solutions to find those that work best for you. Find this proper fit, because the No. 1 way to stay organized is to actually use your system.” – Sophie Johnson, eHow Contributor

“It’s not what we do that makes us tired. It’s what we don’t do.” – Donna Otto, More Hours in My Day

“[Earnestly] remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy (withdrawn from common employment and dedicated to God).” Exodus 20:8 (AMP)

“Let be and be still, and know (recognize and understand) that I am God.” Psalm 46:10 (AMP)

Sabbath in Hebrew: intermission
Webster’s English Dictionary definition: an interval of time between periods of activity
The Cardinal Sabbath rule for Sabbath: Don’t do what you always do!

Cease from ________________________.

• Do whatever is different from your regular daily routine.
• Do whatever gives you rest.
• Do whatever fills you up, rejuvenates and restores you

“For I am the LORD, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.” Malachi 3:6 (NKJV)

Consumed in Hebrew: overwhelmed
NETBible definition: to be spent; used up
For Further Study

There are many more tips (100 to be exact) in the following article:
http://www.womansday.com/home/organizing/100-Ways-to-Get-Organized

A great post on how to get your kids to do chores:

Read and study the following passages about Biblical Sabbath. Look up words in each passage both in an English Dictionary or put a specific verse into NETBible.com and you can view the Hebrew (Old Testament) or Greek (New Testament) meaning. Ponder and journal about what God is saying to you personally in regard to Sabbath Rest or observing a personal Sabbath.

- Isaiah 58
- Jeremiah 17:5-10 and 21-27
- Mark 2:23-27
- Hebrews 4