

In the Trenches Homemaker Questions

For women who have 10-15 years experience as homemakers

Guest Intro: Tell us a little about who you are today, then we will go back and trace your homemaking story from the beginning. (Here you can include things such as family info, career info, hobbies, etc. Your reply should be just about 1 minute or so.)

Background & Skills

1. When did you first become a homemaker and did you bring any skills with you into that role?
2. For which skill have you had the steepest learning curve and how have you worked to grow in that area?
3. Who or what has had the most influence on your homemaking?

Expectations

1. What are some things that surprised you about homemaking; things (good or bad) that you didn't expect?
2. What expectation have you had to let go of for the well-being of you and your family?

Parenting *if applicable

1. How did the addition of children challenge & enrich your homemaking?
2. How do you encourage your kids to participating in homemaking? How do they get to enter into the practice of The Art of Home with you?

Priorities

1. What practical steps do you take to set and keep priorities? (For example, making time for God, your marriage, your health)
2. How do you maintain a healthy relationship with social media (and help your kids do that as well)?

Temptations & Challenges

1. Which of these temptations have you struggled with the most and what is God teaching you through it?
 - a) Comparison to other women/homemakers
 - b) Just a Homemaker: I'm not getting paid, so it's not a "real job".
 - c) Superwoman: trying to do all the things
2. What special challenges (financial struggles, infertility, caregiving, health issues, etc.) have you faced in your homemaking journey and how did you work through that challenge to adapt and grow?

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Hospitality

1. What is one practical way you show hospitality in your homemaking? (To your family and to others.)
2. How does homemaking help build community?

Rapid Fire Questions

1. Biggest homemaking fail (so far)
2. Recent homemaking win
3. A homemaking product or resource you are loving right now (cleaning, cooking, organizing, candle, playlist, appliance, book, YouTube channel, podcast, etc.)
4. Favorite homemaking hack or tip (doesn't have to be original)
5. Your Signature Dish

The Art of Home

1. How do you see homemaking as an art? Where do you find beauty in the art of homemaking?
2. What is one thing about homemaking you are thankful for?

Homemaking Support

1. How can older women help your generation of homemakers thrive in their practice of The Art of Home? (What do you need help with? What do you wish they knew about your generation's experience that they could speak wisdom and truth into?)
2. What word of advice or encouragement would you give to younger homemakers? (A mistake to avoid, an opportunity to seize, etc.)

Bonus Content: Christmas

The final season of the year will be a mini-season all about Christmas. The episodes will release, 1 per week, every Wednesday in December before Christmas. These episodes will be a compilation of short holiday segments from each of the women I interviewed during the year.

After the main interview, we will record a brief holiday segment using the following questions as guidelines.

- What does a typical Christmas Day look like at your home? (Who is there, what are you eating, etc?) And do you have a special recipe that you always make at Christmas?
- Did you and your household have special holiday traditions? (Caroling, gingerbread house competition, working at a soup kitchen, cutting your own tree, sending Christmas cards...etc.)

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- Rapid Fire Q&A
 - Favorite Christmas Song or Carol?
 - Favorite Christmas Movie?
 - Gingerbread or sugar cookie?
 - Fake tree or real?
 - Bows or no Bows?
 - Christmas music before or after Thanksgiving?

- Holidays are hectic. How did you maintain balance in this busy season and keep your focus on what really matters to you and your family?

End of Questions