

## Do It Afraid!

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“Who among us can say that he or she has not felt fear? I know of no one who has been entirely spared. Some, of course, experience fear to a greater degree than do others. Some are able to rise above it quickly, but others are trapped and pulled down by it and even driven to defeat. We suffer from the fear of ridicule, the fear of failure, the fear of loneliness, the fear of ignorance. Some fear the present, some the future. Some carry the burden of sin and would give almost anything to unshackle themselves from those burdens but fear to change their lives. Let us recognize that fear comes not of God, but rather that this gnawing, destructive element comes from the adversary of truth and righteousness. Fear is the antithesis of faith. It is corrosive in its effects, even deadly.” Gordon B. Hinckley “God Hath Not Given Us the Spirit of Fear” Ensign, October 1984

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” (2 Tim. 1:6-7.)

Things to do:

1. List of all of your strengths and talents.
2. List of all of your children's strengths and talents individually.
3. List all the people who are your support system.
4. List all the things you are excited about.
5. Post these lists in a prominent location.
6. List of all the things that scare you about homeschooling.
7. Put it away where it can't easily be retrieved.
8. Prayerfully ask your Father in Heaven what He would have you do.
9. When you receive confirmation of the path He would like to you take, write down your impressions.
10. Construct a short statement detailing why, you are deciding to homeschool your kids.
11. Post in a place where you can see it daily.
12. MOVE FORWARD WITH FAITH!!!

My Why Statement:

My children are my most precious gift. I love them with all my heart! I want them to have an education which inspires them to love learning, encourages them to develop strong relationships with each other, instills in them a strong testimony and a desire to serve the Lord, and meets their unique individual needs. Through personal revelation received as the result of careful prayer and study, I have come to know those goals are best achieved in our home.

It will not always be easy, but it will always be worth it!