

Setting Priorities

Earlier this week I had the opportunity to [speak to an area MOPS group](#) on the subject of intentional, creative parenting. Spending time with young moms who are in the thick of diapers and nose wiping reminds me of how long the days felt with little ones tugging at *my* sleeves. It reminds me that moms in the trenches deserve a little extra encouragement and a lot more applause.

One of the activities we did at MOPS was to examine how we spend our time each day. With a plethora of distractions and lists a mile long, prioritizing the hours we've been given each day can be...well, *just another thing to do*. It's easier to just get up and roll with it, hoping for the best.

But is that the most glorifying way to approach a new day?

God teaches us to number our days. To make them count. To strive for wisdom---*not extra friends on Facebook*.

Psalm 90:12 says:

So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts unto wisdom.

How do we number our days and apply our hearts unto wisdom if we don't take the time to *number our hours*?

It's something I need to work on. Lately I've been spending a lot of time on things that are interesting to me, but aren't all that important. Sometimes I go to bed wondering whether I spent enough time listening to my daughter or reading to my sons. I wonder if I need to take a second look at how I'm prioritizing my days.

[Michael Hyatt's](#) post today entitled [When You Feel Overwhelmed By Your Workload](#) was the flag I needed waved in my face. He shared the Franklin-Covey method of prioritizing:

- A**—urgent and important
- B**—important but not urgent
- C**—urgent but not important
- D**—not urgent or important

So that email account I'm dying to check: urgent? important? both?

The dishes in the sink?

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Sitting with my child and coloring?

Putting a puzzle together with a little one on my lap?

I'll be honest: I don't know if I'll make a numbered list every day or write an A, B, C, or D next to the things on my list.

But as I move through my day and sweep and click and push start on the washer, I'll think twice about what really matters.

By God's grace I'll make my days count.