



## 30 Key Home Management Tasks to Talk Through with Your Spouse

As we talked about in *A Wife's Secret to Happiness* chapter six, it's vital to make time to talk with your husband about chores so you can establish life routines based on each of your skills and responsibilities. Stay fluid in your home management, as you determine together what this looks like for your family in various seasons. Is the split 50/50, 60/40, 90/10, or 5/10 with lots of in-home help? How does that change with your work situations or other life events?


Use the list below to identify home management tasks that apply to your family situation. As you discuss these items with your man, consider not only *who* does *what*, but also strategize the *when*, *why*, and *how* for each task. Say for example that you do laundry. Is that daily? Once a week? And do you also handle the folding and putting away process, or simply the cleaning and drying? Talking through these logistics will shed light on how feasible each item really is, and if there's an unequitable balance of home management tasks in light of other agreed upon responsibilities like work, homeschooling, or flourishing side businesses.

### Financial

1. Paying bills
2. Budgeting and Savings (including for your kid's college funds)
3. Investing
4. Retirement
5. Taxes

### Home Maintenance

6. General Housecleaning
7. Lawn care
8. Fixing minor appliance issues
9. Booking and communicating with service providers such as internet, pest control, plumber, etc.
10. Garbage and recycling
11. Hot button chores of high priority to each of you

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12. Decorating
  13. Car oil changes
  14. Replacing air and water filters

### **Food**

15. Meal planning / setting dietary goals
16. Grocery shopping
17. Cooking
18. Dishes

### **Planning**

19. Coordinating social and/or ministry schedules
20. Making appointments
21. Research for major purchases
22. Preparing for and hosting gatherings

### **Children**

23. School research and sign ups
24. Handling communication with school, childcare, and babysitters
25. Doctor visits, tracking and dispersing medicine
26. Carpool or chauffeur duties

### **Personal Care**

27. Laundry
28. Allocating time and resources for refreshment and couple time

### **Spiritual**

29. Praying for your household
30. Planning or leading prayer, devotional, or Bible reading activities as a family