



Good Advice, from One Mom to Another

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I'm glancing through my magazine,
And something caught my eye...
A "working mother's" contest!
At once, I thought I'd try!

"But I'm at home," the thought rang out,
"I'm not a working Mom."
"Oh, yes you are!", my conscience said,
"You work hard in your home!"

If I could tell you what I do
To help my home run smooth...
Then I would start within the heart -
That's where your love, you prove.

Now in the morn, we're on the move,
With children off to school.
The clothes and books set out at night,
Preparation is our rule.

Then hubby's next, and off he goes.
Our paycheck he will earn.
I'll stay, by choice, right here at home.
Our toddler needs to learn.

First organize, as best you can,
The things you need to do.
Be sure and write each task ahead,
Then check it all day through.

But keep life simple, where you can.
It's tough enough, my friend!
With all the things we have to do,
Our schedules have to blend.

Seems kids today are busy,
With all they want to do.
But let them focus on a few,
(Because it falls on you!)

And meal time is essential,
To strengthen family ties.
Let each one plan to be on time -
Even when time flies!

A handy tip for cooking meals
Is: Do a double batch!
Then freeze the other portion
For days your in a catch.

Divide the household chores among
The people in your home.

Too many kids are free, it seems,
To go outside and roam.

So each one be responsible
To keep their own room clean.
There's plenty left for all to do -
So much that isn't seen.

Now if you're going shopping,
Please use a careful eye.
Your best bet is "the classics",
The "fads" just go on by.

Yet, teens want something special,
To help "their" look come through.
Just wander through a thrift shop -
I'm sure you'll find a few!

A laundry tip that I could share
Is: Try to stay caught up.
It's true, it's never-ending,
So don't let it pile up!

Yes, holidays come once a year...
But, oh, the task is great!
Much can be found, all the year round.
Tuck them away...and wait!

And, have you ever asked yourself,
"Why do we have this stuff?!"
De-junk your home without despair,
For those whose life is rough.

Now even though life's hectic,
There's one place we must strive:
Your partner is essential -
Let's keep the love alive.

It needn't be expensive
To go out for a date.
Just go for walks or quiet talks,
And re-acquaint your mate.

Turn off that darn TV, my friends!
Out with videos, too!
We need to "tune in" family -
And do what we should do!

If I could tell you why you see
A smile upon my face,
We're helping make our homes and world
Into a better place!



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In 1995, I was reading my little Readers Digest and noticed a fun contest celebrating mothers, whether they worked outside the home or not. I put together my philosophies and to my delight was selected second place out of over 3,000 American mothers! What a thrill that my prize was an all expense paid trip to a health spa in Pennsylvania for some much need pampering. I think all moms are amazing, and I encourage them to recognize their great worth, especially within their own homes.

