

Conquering the Chaos Part II – Sorting Your Life into Buckets

This printable can help you get a handle on all your family life activities and tasks from your [Family Life Inventory](#) by helping you categorize and sort them into buckets which in turn can help you better understand where you spend your time and realign your priorities and responsibilities. To use this printable take each activity or task from your Family Life Inventory and write it into the appropriate bucket (see definitions below) along with a time estimate of how long it takes to complete each item.

School – Include things like homework, class projects, and studying for anyone in your family who goes to school

Extra-Curricular Activities – Include all of your kids' extra-curricular activities along with practices, games, concerts, and prep time responsibilities

Household Cleaning & Clutter Control – Include all housecleaning and organization tasks here.

Household Maintenance & Repairs – Include things like general household repairs to appliances, the house and other items in your home.

Lawn Work – Lawn mowing, weeding, planting, leave raking, etc

Volunteer Commitments – Include the time and tasks you do while volunteering for your kids' school, church, or any other organization in which you volunteer you time.

Faith Commitments – Include all faith related activities you do here. For example, preparing meals for fellow parishioners, teaching a class, participating in the choir, organizing a charitable event, etc are things you would include in this bucket.

Administrative Stuff – Include errands, phone calls, emails, non-food related shopping, and paperwork.

Meal Planning & Prep – This is where you include the time and tasks of planning, preparing, and shopping for family meals. Be sure to include task and time from all family meals (breakfast, lunch, snacks, and dinner).

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Household Finances – Include tasks related to bill paying, budgets, paying allowances, investment reviews, savings reviews, debt reviews, research, taxes, and filing

Fun Stuff – Include family outings, activities, family nights, personal hobbies, and personal fun

Laundry – Include all laundry related tasks such as washing, drying, folding, putting away, mending, and ironing. You can include dry cleaning here or in the administrative bucket.

Personal – This bucket includes all personal hygiene tasks (showers, hair, makeup, etc), kids baths, medical treatments, exercise, and getting dressed

Auto/Transportation – Include tasks related to your car or transportation needs such as filling car with gas, repairs, car washes, auto inspections and registrations

Family Commitments – Include all family related commitments such as caring for a sick or elderly family member

Other – Use this space for specific areas unique to your life

Family Life Buckets

School	Extra-Curricular Activities	Household Cleaning & Clutter	Home Maintenance & Repairs

Family Life Buckets

Lawn Work

Volunteer Commitments

Faith Activities

Administrative Stuff

Family Life Buckets

Meal Planning & Prep

Personal Finance

Fun Stuff

Laundry

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Personal

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Other

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