

**I am really having to adapt lately!**

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***Welcome Back!***

**Hello, my friend!**

How has your past week been? Mine has been busy between celebrating my now 6-year-old grandsons birthday, Easter, and helping my fiance study for his tests coming up.

I don't feel much like a homesteader because I really haven't done much pertaining to homesteading or homemaking for that matter. It is still cold, dreary and rainy so we haven't been outside much at all. We are also still in Pennsylvania with all of my children. It's a big change in lifestyle for us and I'm not really sure we are getting used to it.

If you didn't know, we came up to PA to visit my children and the Covid-19 thing has kept us from returning. I miss our 15 acres! I've missed my potbellied pigs that were born since we left, my dog who hopefully still remembers me if we can ever get back, and most of all, the edible food forest we started that apparently, my mom is reaping the harvest from.

We are considering moving here eventually to be closer to the kids and grandkids, but the more it is 30 degrees here and 80 degrees there, the more homesick I become.

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## *What's Happening on the Blog*

With dandelions popping up like crazy all over the neighborhood here, I did a bunch of research and wrote an extensive post called [\*Dandelions: Everything You Need To Know\*](#). It has a cool little free Dandelion recipe book at the end too.

All that research led me to the idea of writing an e-book about them. I have a few more chapters to write then it will be available in my shop! My daughter and I are going to gather all those beauties out of the neighbor's yards, with permission of course, and start making soap, lotion bars, infused oils, and shampoo bars.

We will also be drying the leaves and petals and offering them for sale in my shop over the next week or two! Let me know if you are interested and I will give a discount to my subscribers first!

Some other posts you may enjoy are [\*Top 4 Ways Homesteaders Are Better Prepared for Quarantines\*](#) and [\*5 Repairs You Can Get To Now That You Are Quarantined\*](#).

I also host a Blog Hop on my site every Thursday! You can check out what other bloggers are sharing, and really learn some great stuff there! Go [HERE](#) to check out this week's hop!

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## *My Eye-Opening Experience This Last Week*

I am a planner junkie. If I lost my planner I would probably walk around like a zombie, lost in a world with no direction at all. Everything goes in my planner, blogging, meetings, personal stuff, notes, you name it and it is in my planner.

Recently I have been really following Michael Hyatt. Have you heard of him? You can find him at MichaelHyatt.com. Anyway, I downloaded his book, ***Your Best Year Ever*** for free on Kindle Unlimited on Tuesday. I have already read the entire book and spent hours devouring every podcast about planning I could find on his site as well.

I learned something! Homesteading, homemaking and living a simple life are not careers or hobbies. They are lifestyles! I always tried to separate my personal life from my blogging and from my homesteading. Why in the world would I do that? What was I thinking?

A lifestyle means everything you do in one process. My homesteading, homemaking, and personal time with family are one entity. No wonder we get so overwhelmed! We are so busy trying to juggle everything into one life. Why?

Mr. Hyatt believes there are 10 areas in your life:

- Spiritual
- Intellectual
- Emotional
- Physical
- Marital
- Parental
- Social
- Vocational
- Avocational
- Financial

He says that you must set goals in all ten areas, (as long as each area pertains to you, of course). He teaches you to set goals and plans that involve every area of your life so you have balance.

Although I am well on my way, I do still have some work to do in some of those areas. I won't get into all the details in this email, but I do recommend if you are a reader to get his book and if your a listener, to find his blog and listen to his podcast! I know the takeaways you will get will be plenty and more than helpful!

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## *What Can I do For You?*

I recently offered my book and even a freebie from my friend Julie, at The Farm Wife. I was completely amazed at the number of emails I received from both old and new readers over the last few weeks!

I learned so much about you! I feel like I have some really great friendships happening! That's so important to me and I have to admit, I really enjoyed every single e-mail I received!

So tell me, what else can I do for you? How are things? Are you surviving this crisis we are all going through?

I want you to know that at any time if you have questions or need to just talk, feel free to contact me! Tell me your thoughts, your worries and especially your questions!

If you haven't yet checked it out, a few friends and I started [The Farmhouse Gathering](#). It is a Facebook group for Homesteaders, Homemakers, and people who want or already live a simple life. If you don't do Facebook, that's ok. When we get together, we record our talks and upload them to [YouTube](#)!

That's it for this week! I can't wait to see what next week brings! Have a great week and we will talk again on Friday!

*Annie*

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