

Shelley Hendry

Workshops Available

Harnessing the Potential of Great Literature

An examination of the Biblical principles for approving those “things that are excellent,” discerning the elements of quality literature and navigating objectionable elements in literature. Draws from great classics such as *Pilgrim’s Progress* to show how literature affects the purity, life purpose, imagination, and conscience of the reader. Discusses the beautiful role of poetry in providing inspiration, vision, character, heroism, and family unity. Learn how to bring history to life using felt sets, Bible flashcards, skits, and monologues. Gain a vision for the family story hour, complete with popcorn and a roaring fire with the children sprawled on the floor in pajamas, listening to Daddy’s voice weaving an exciting tale of missionaries in steamy jungles and explorers in distant lands.

Training Children to Lead Beyond the Living Room

A visionary look at the vital role of ongoing, intense, and systematic investment in our own and our children’s future as leaders. Shelley explains the importance and Christian philosophy of proper etiquette in the home, with a brief discussion of the importance of how correct manners demonstrate an attitude of “others first.” Shelley will discuss key inspirational and equipping resources and opportunities, specific skill and character development, the value of mentoring, the crucial role of studying the lives of great men and women who have gone before us, and the importance of personal mission statements. Come explore what the parents of history’s greatest men and women have done to help encourage and impart a vision to their children for a noble, God-honoring life. The workshop examines how mothers can provide their children with tools, guidance, and resources to prepare them for God’s purpose for their lives.

Relief for Overloaded Lives: the God Who is More Than Enough

A look at the modern phenomenon of overloaded lives with special attention to burnout, toxic people, choice overload, perfectionism, super-mom and super-dad myths, and the dangers of expectations. A frank discussion of emotional and physical overload and its associated health problems, as well as some practical tips on restoring emotional, physical, financial and time reserves into our lives. This is a heart-to-heart talk about how our very real trials, disappointments, and griefs can either be a gateway to a deeper walk with Christ or a wedge between God, us, and others. We will sample songs, Scriptures, and poetry to sustain us in this sin-cursed world by drawing near to the God who is more than enough.

Reaching the World from Your Living Room: Using Your Home as a Base for Missions

Homeschooling families have been accused of being so involved with their own lives that they do not reach out to others, but ministry opportunities can become an integral part of your home school. Learn how to use of evangelistic letters, correspondence evangelism, short-term mission trips, home-based mission conferences. Special emphasis will be put on hospitality, including how to eliminate the all-or-nothing mentality and show hospitality even with limited funds, time, or skills. Shelley will provide guidelines for developing a personal and family mission statement and a philosophy of education that builds on eternal things. She will explore a Biblical philosophy of education, including higher education, compared with philosophies held by secular, and even some Christian, institutions.

Behold the Noble Train: Eight Christian Women Every Mother Should Know

Come and trace the common thread of God's grace in the lives of eight remarkable women of history: Lillias Trotter, Amy Carmichael, Susannah Spurgeon, Elisabeth Elliot, Edith Schaeffer, Fanny Crosby, Corrie ten Boom, and Susanna Wesley. Receive inspiration, instruction, and vision from their writings and lives that can help us with our trials by granting us truth-filled and spirit-filled lenses.

Legalism or Biblical Standards? How to Pursue Excellence Instead of Phariseeism

How can we stay on the path between legalism and license? How can we ensure we are more influenced by God than by American culture and men are doing what is right in their own eyes? How can we make sure that we are not merely separating from the world but cleaving to Christ and worshiping Him more fully? Shelley encourages families to seek the Lord for transformed by the renewing of their minds with truth. This lecture addresses family and church life in light of Scripture, church history, modern thought, and culture. Includes a candid look at the destructive effects culture is having on our children and a solemn call for families who desire to please God alone. Parents have a critical role in influencing the goals, dreams, and moral purity of their children by training them to have biblically-based mindset, for "as a man thinketh so is he."

Cluster Bombs, Guided Missiles, and Torpedoes: Homeschooling in Spiritual Warfare

Moms, this is war! When discouragement, disillusionment, depression and insecurities plague us, we often do not recognize the true spiritual nature of our difficulties. Come hear one woman's testimony of God's tender mercies and comfort in the valleys of grief. This is a heart-to-heart talk about how our very real trials, disappointments, and griefs can either be a gateway to a deeper walk with Christ or a wedge between Him and us and others. We will look at the sustaining truths of saints of old who walked through valleys of loneliness, disappointment, grief, agony of soul, and the "horror of great darkness." Learn how to "trust in God and keep your powder dry," in the midst of spiritual warfare by drawing on lessons from military history. A loving reminder for mothers to maintain their own rich devotional life and walk with God as a foundation for challenges, decision-making, and needed refreshment. Come and get strengthened for the battle.

Moms Are Students Too! 5 Lessons Every Mom Must Learn

A candid look at some reasons why the foremost student in a home school is the mother, and the most important lessons are those about *life*. Learn how vitally important it is that we incorporate all the life lessons God is working in our hearts and the hearts of our families into the living curriculum of our home education. Includes a frank discussion of some necessary, and perhaps startling, considerations for well-intended mothers on the shortcomings and lack of guarantees of home-schooling. Particular emphasis will be on a mother's ministry of encouragement as she seeks to serve as a chalice for her children's hopes and aspirations, demonstrate radical kindness, love those who abhor her efforts, and avoid pride.

The Christian Communicator

This session will discuss a Christian philosophy of speech and drama. Special emphasis will be given to criteria for selecting the materials for and settings of speech opportunities for teaching and training as part of the home education process, as well as developing a family ministry.

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Let me be a Woman: Cautions and Considerations for Today's Homeschooling Mother

One of Mrs. Hendry's most passionate talks, this is a clarion call for women of all ages to reclaim their glorious heritage as women set apart for God and His purposes. This workshop will look at how the women's movement is being used by Satan to undermine the joy, effectiveness, and enthusiasm of mothers who make their families, homes, and the ministry of their local church their life's work instead of heeding the clamorous voices of the world. Shelley will scrutinize the fruits of evolution and the postmodern worldview, as well as expose how modern culture has contaminated the American church, particularly by obliterating the Biblical distinctives of womanhood through insidious effects of women's liberation on the church. We will reflect on the sacred realities that a woman's body symbolizes and God's wonderful purposes unique to women. Building from the book of Nehemiah, Shelley will share a heart-to-heart talk for mothers and daughters as one who has committed her life to helping them by offering inspiring, practical ideas to the rubble and rebuild according to God's plans. The lecture will also offer a candid look at the high priority of nurturing a strong marriage as one of the key pillars for successful home education, not making marriage enrichment another item on our long "to-do" lists.

Time is Money: How to Save Both

"Paper, paper everywhere and not a spot to think." Do you spend inordinate amounts of time searching for lost papers? Do you wonder whether it is possible to learn and have clean clothes and meals too? Need a paper management system? Come and find the help you need to help your home and home school function more efficiently. Gain a vision for the adventure of thrift and resourcefulness by saving on food, clothes, travel, and books. One of the hidden keys to a simpler, less stressful life is not to earn more but to spend less, thus having more to spend on what is really important. This workshop touches on dealing with paper, saving money, meal and laundry management, chore training, cleaning tips, and organizing resources to make time and energy for what is really important. It also addresses how to make the most of the time for now and for eternity with tips on work habits, prioritization, investing time wisely, scheduling, cleaning and organizing, and using technology.

About Shelley Hendry

Shelley is a woman with a passion for Christian womanhood and is the mother of six grown children. She was married to her husband, professor and historian Jim Hendry, for over thirty years before his death. She received her Masters degree in secondary education from Pensacola Christian College where she developed her passion for Christian education. She also completed post-graduate studies in speech and drama at Bob Jones University.

She has been involved in Christian education all of her adult life teaching in public and Christian schools, homeschool co-ops, Sunday schools, Bible clubs, homeschool conferences, history conferences, and speech and debate clubs. She is also a private speech coach, private tutor, and in-home caregiver for the elderly. Her passion is to give herself to hospitality, writing, speaking and teaching, and investing in others through Christian communication. An avid reader with over 30 years' experience in public speaking, her passion is to bring to life the remarkable stories of history's heroines. For her, giving programs for [History Come to Life](#) is no mere career, but a means to expanding the marvelous stories of the lives of the great women of the past.

Her passion is to help mothers "stay the course" of homemaking and of loving others by providing times of encouragement, inspiration, and affirmation for them on their journey of loving God, helping and serving their husbands, and touching their children's hearts and lives for eternity, with a special emphasis on the necessity of total dependence upon God. She shares inspirational materials on her blog, www.heshallnotquench.blogspot.com.