



## Best Way To

- Offset your weaknesses
- Enhance your own enjoyment of homeschooling
- Prepare your kids for whatever's up ahead.



## How Our Brain Works

- In a nutshell



## Where new stuff goes



- Trigger prior knowledge
- Integrate into existing architecture
- Categorize where it fits best



## What's A Teacher To Do?

- Is it engaging?
- Stimulating?
- Rewarding?
- Awe-inspiring?



## Overview of Curriculum

- Exposure
- Exploration
- Mastery



## Young children

- Activity-based, concrete
- Big picture
- Pace: Leisurely
- Unstructured, open-ended, informal



## Middle Years

- Exploration and investigation
- Problem-solving
- Look for clues to "future calling"
- Pace: More focus & rigor
- Lay a foundation for formal high school studies



## Teen Years

- Ardent pursuit of God's call on one's life
- Intense training and maturation
- Goals are in sight. High school is qualifying race
- Mastery produces self-esteem



## Practical Strategies

- Tangible, achievable rewards valued by child
- Learn in context
- Contests & competitions
- Papers, Projects & Performances
- Audiences



## More...

- Real books
- Interesting people
- Travel
- Adventure
- Teams, co-ops
- Creativity



# Finally

- Autonomy & Independence
- Ownership
- Choice

