As you think about living simply, be sure to include some fun in your plans. Are you taking time out of your schedule to do things you enjoy, to meet friends for coffee, to take some time just for you?

What have you always wanted to do, to try? Learn to paint? Take up dance? Climb a mountain? Wander through a bookstore each week with a huge, fancy cup of coffee? Write a book? Go back to school? Dream big and spend some time planning how to make those dreams come true.

Don't forget—life comes in seasons. And while this may not be the season to learn to scuba dive, that season may come next. What dreams fit into this season? Make a big list, so you'll have plenty to choose from!

"I can't tell you how much I long for you to enter this wide-open, spacious life…Open up your lives. Live openly and expansively!" 2 Corinthians 6:11,13 (The Message)

H: Have fun!

"Are you doing things each week that you love to do? Is there something you've always longed to do but never tried? If so, do it!"

—from "Simple Pleasures," *Living Simply*, page 195

Are you having fun yet? I sure hope so, because learning to live simply is exciting. It shouldn't be a chore, a drag, something you feel like you *have* to do—like going to the dentist.

Instead, living simply should be something you *want* to do, something you're excited to do. It's a chance to dream, an opportunity to dare to believe that your life could be different. Are there things about your life that you don't like? Things about your life that feel frenzied or out of control? This is your chance to change those things, to choose differently!