

things that I want to do each day, but don't? What would I like my life to look like next month or next year?

It helps to ask other people questions too. What have you tried that has worked well for your family? What's one thing you do to live more simply? What's something you've tried that didn't work so well? What do you think it means to live more simply?

Questions are often how we learn. Go ahead—ask yourself some questions about living simply. Ask your friends and family some questions about living simply. And as you answer those questions, the next step for living simply will most likely become pretty clear.

*“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.” (James 1:5)*

## Q: Questions are good

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*“What’s a simple life?”*

—from “A Simple Life,” *Living Simply*, page 36

I came across this quote from *Anne of Green Gables* just yesterday. In talking to Marilla about her time with Mrs. Spencer, Anne said, “She said I must have asked her a thousand [questions] already. I suppose I had, too, but how are you going to find out about things if you don’t ask questions?” Anne was always asking questions, much to Marilla’s dismay, but she makes a good point—asking questions is a great way to learn things!

As I think about living simply and what that might look for me and for my family, it helps to ask a lot of questions. What are the things that make me feel overwhelmed? What might an ideal day look like? What are some