

Eating Your Genealogical Elephant, One Bite at the Time

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Don't fall into the procrastination trap, waiting until you have more time to do it all. Start now, share discoveries, and recognize the blessings the Lord extends.



1. Carve out time

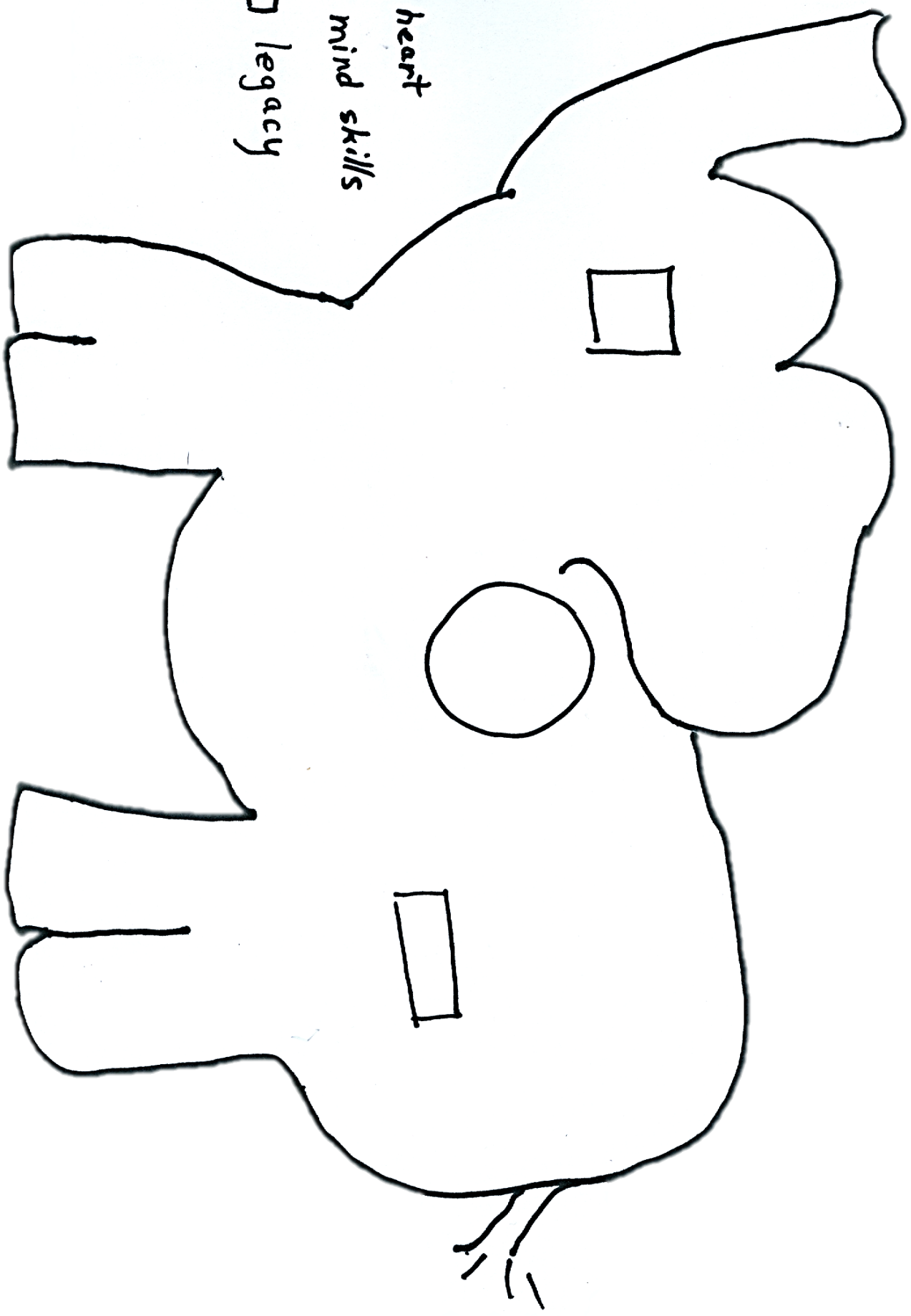
- a. Through small bites of time great things can happen.
- b. Manage it like your money
 - i. Use a timer
 - ii. Organize your time so you can focus, use lists and research logs.
 - iii. Be consistent
- c. Negotiate and if necessary renegotiate time.

2. The bites

- a. One-at-the-time, one family, one temple sealing, one pile, one record, one story,
- b. Organize your bites so that you can come back and start where you stopped
- c. Tools
 - i. Make a list and have supplies delivered (online ordering gets what you want).
 - ii. Learn to use tools: family history program, email, internet, camera
- d. Get a coach
 - i. Online friends or family,
 - ii. Family History Consultants are called to be your friendly coach
 - iii. Experience is an expensive education—pick other's brain
 - iv. Have them check back, cheer you on and pray with you

3. Pick the Elephant

- a. Start with prayer
- b. Set a realistic, but challenging goals
- c. Write a plan and follow it...and the spirit
- d. If detours arise, make a new plan



○ heart

□ mind skills

▭ legacy