

Photo Management

Let's talk about your pictures. How do you take them, where do you store them & are they organized in any way?

1. Do you only use your phone or do you have a camera as well?
2. Do you leave the pictures on your phone or do you download them to your computer or online storage? How often?
3. If you have a camera, where are these pictures stored or downloaded? How often?
4. Do you have a system or program to organize your photos? Are they by date or category?
5. If you want to find a photo to share, print or use in some way how do you look for it? By date, occasion, person?

There are several options when it comes to saving & organizing your photos. I am not familiar with all of them, but I recommend that you do a little research and choose one you feel comfortable with. The best one is the one you will use.

You can upload your photos directly to your computer or online storage or use a software program that will let you categorize, tag & rate your pictures. Mine has facial recognition and search options based on dates & terms used in the description field of the photo.

Once you have decided on how you are going to store your photos, the next step is to get them off the phone and/or camera. Just make sure they are all in one place & backed up. Once you have all the current photos together, pick a time frame (maybe once a month) to upload your pictures and do regular back ups.

After that, you can start to consider organizing categories. Do you always know the date a picture was taken? Maybe not. Think about how you would look for a particular photo – is it a family member (names), holiday or event, nature photo?

Start with broad categories & make sub-categories as needed. Be sure you are tagging your pictures & adding information in the description box.

You can refer to the Category Worksheet I provided in this blog post for the categories I use as well as a blank worksheet for you to list your own.