

3 Ways To Adopt New Technology Without Throwing It Against the Wall



When my eldest daughter Ciara was younger she absolutely loved He-Man. One day I was out with her and my youngest daughter, Keelin, in Woolworth's. I was doing some shopping and I made the mistake of passing the Electronics section with the girls. And just my luck, He-Man was blaring through 25 different sized TVs and off ran my little Ciara. She promptly sat herself down in front of one of the televisions and asked the sales woman to please turn up the volume.

There was my little 4 year old, happy as could be, watching her favourite television show in a sea of TVs with all the sales ladies oooing and awing over how cute she was.

And there was me, with only an hour to get my errands done before I had to go back to work. *Oh how I wished for a video ipod before I even knew what it was.*

I would have loved to have had a couple episodes of He-Man loaded up onto a video ipod for my girls so that I could have gotten my shopping done that day. But back in the 80's there was nothing of the sort on the market.

I WANTED IT, I GOT IT. NOW HOW DO YOU WORK THIS THING?

With the release of so many new portable devices aimed at matching technology with our "on the go" lives comes a lot of confusion and frustration for those of us who are used to the "old way of doing things." I mean, weren't you just figuring out how to set the clock on your VCR and now there's a thing called Blue Disc?

TAKING THE DIGITAL DECADE ONE STEP AT A TIME

I really believe that the most important goals of technology are to make our lives easier and to help us use our time more efficiently. But these goals cannot be achieved until we adopt this new technology.

So how do you take the plunge into the digital decade?

Here are three steps that I think will empower you when dealing with new technology:

- **NO FEAR-** Do not fear new advances in technology. Yes, there are products on the market that look incredibly complicated and confusing but can you really make that assessment before you try something? The fear of learning to ride a bike didn't stop you from asking your parents for the shiny red one at the toy store. You'd seen other kids learn to ride a bike and you were confident that you could learn too. It's the same with technology!



- **PATIENCE-** Okay, so you get your new bike and you try to ride it the first time and you fall off it not once, but probably a dozen times. Eventually you get going on your bike and you are actually doing it. Yes, you are riding a bike. And now, you couldn't imagine what it feels like to not know how to ride a bike. If you just have patience and take the time to familiarize with (or learn) these new technological products on the market you can experience their benefits too and wonder how you ever went without.

- **ASK FOR HELP-** I know that when my girls were learning to ride a bike they certainly didn't walk down the street and try it alone. They asked for my help! So why don't you ask for help when you are trying to learn the features of a new technological product? There are user manuals, support desks, online training, and even sometimes one-on-one personal training to help users through the hiccups of learning a new system. Take advantage of these resources.

By The Power Of Arrowsync, I Am HOTLEAP!

Okay, as cheesy as that headline may be I just couldn't resist! We are talking about He-Man here!! And I am pretty excited to work with the He-Mans of HotButton. Right now they are out in the field helping users learn how to use our newest solution HotLeap. Users are discovering that they can collect data for more than one application through the same handheld program using HotLeap. And using my three tips: **NO FEAR, PATIENCE, AND ASKING FOR HELP**, each of these users is excelling in using HotLeap for their daily data collection.