How To Set Up Your Wordpress Blog In 2 Days Or Less: What You Need To Do To Set-Up The Techy Part Of Your Blog Without The Headache

Hey ya'll,

I'm Nicky the owner and creator of [Christian Blogging Academy](#)!

First I want to say thank you so much for joining me on this blogging adventure.

And an adventure it is!

But God doesn't normally call us to do boring now does He?

Okay, so setting up your blog can seem intimidating but I created this checklist to make the process as smooth as possible. I hope you find it to be helpful.

This is something that I wish I'd had when I first started out so I pray that it will be a help to you!

By The End Of Day Two These Are The Tasks That Should Be Completed:

1) **Buying domain name**

2) **Buying your web host service.**

3) **Pointing domain name to web host.**

4) **Installing wordpress on your web host.**

Now if completing these steps takes you longer than 2 days, don't worry! Everyone is different and it may take

longer for some to complete the tasks than others. That's completely normal!

Now let's get started!

This checklist assumes that:

- You already have a blog name/domain name picked out. If you don't then you can refer to my blog post right here [about choosing a blog name](#).
- You're using Wordpress.org to set up your blog.
- You're using Godaddy to buy your domain
- You're using Hostgator as your web host.

If these things are not true then you can still use this guide but it will vary from time to time.

Use the checklist below to check off each task as you complete it.

Day One

These are the things I suggest you do on day 1. If you feel comfortable you can go through day 1 and day 2 on one day.

But just follow these steps and your blog should be set up by the end of the 2nd day.

Purchase Your Domain Name

Purchasing a domain name is the first step in setting up the technical side of your blog. Luckily it's very easy to do.

❏ Go to **Godaddy.com** (this is who I've used for over 10 years with many different domain names and I haven't left yet. I highly recommend them!)

❏ Type in the domain that you want in the field where it says "find your perfect domain name"

❏ If your chosen domain is available then add the domain of your choosing to your cart

❏ Create an account or login if you already have one

❏ Choose if you want to add anything else to your cart (search engine visibility, extra years of domain registration. I usually choose no and 1 year)

❏ Complete the Purchase

Purchase Your Web Host Service

The next thing that you need to do is purchase and register for your web host.

This will lead you through the steps for Hostgator.com because that is the one that I use and have used for over 10 years with various blogs.

They have **24/7 live chat** and trust me I've used it over and over because of issues I've had with Wordpress plugins and site crashes.

They have gotten me out of MANY [different stressful tech situations](#) and I highly recommend them!

And you can [get 20% off of any new Hostgator Plans](#) using the link below and the coupon code: [SNAPPY](#)

[**Click To Check Out Hostgator**](#) **(affiliate link)**

❏ Go To [Hostgator.com](#) (affiliate link)

❏ Choose the plan that you can afford. You can always upgrade later. I would choose one with free SSL security as this is very important for your blog.

❏ Choose if you want to sign up for Sitelock which helps protect you from hackers. The reviews on this feature are mixed so I would decline.

❏ Choose if you want to add Codeguard which is a backup service. I would decline.

❏ **After you have checked out completely, check your** email**.** You will receive emails from Hostgator about your new account.

Please save these emails where it will be easy for you to access it. You will refer to them often.

This is all you have to do for day one unless you want to keep going which I fully support :)

Day 2

Forward Domain Name To Web Host

Now you need to forward your domain name that you bought from Godaddy (name servers) to Hostgator. This is how you connect your domain name and your web host together.

However, you can also buy your domain name directly through Hostgator if you want and not have to worry about pointing to the name servers.

So it's up to you. It's nice to know how to do both though and get that experience.

Below is a helpful video that will also walk you through these steps!

Video: **How To Point Godaddy Domain Name To Hostgator Hosting**

❏ Login to your Godaddy account

❏ Click the DNS button in the dashboard

❏ On the DNS maintenance page, scroll down to the name server section and click the change button.

❏ Choose custom

❏ Copy and paste your Hostgator name servers in the white boxes. You can find your name servers in your Hostgator welcome email.

❏ Hit save. And you are done.

❏ Now your domain name will point to your web host. Please note that this process can take up to 48 hours to complete. I've never had it take that long but it's a possibility so don't freak if it's a day later and it still hasn't changed over yet.

❏ While you are waiting for your name servers to forward or point to your web host, let's go ahead and install Wordpress.

❏ Don't worry…it's super easy!

Installing Wordpress From Your Web Host's Cpanel

❏ Login to your Hostgator dashboard/Cpanel. The link for this should be in your welcome email from Hostgator. Be sure to bookmark this link so it's easy to find.

❏ Under the software section, click Quickinstall.

❏ Click the Wordpress icon.

❏ On the drop down menu, click choose your domain

❏ Leave the directory section as is

❏ Click next

❏ Fill in the install settings. Blog Title is of course your blog name. Admin user is the name that you want to appear on your blog posts as the author name. First and last name are self-explanatory. Admin email is the main email address you want to receive communication to.

❏ Click install.

❏And if you see a green checkmark on the next page then cheer because you are done! Wordpress is installed. I told you it was easy! Yay!

❏Now on this page don't click login. Instead type your domain in a separate window or tab.

❏You should see a coming soon page (assuming your name servers processing is complete).

❏Now at the end of your domain name, type /wp-admin. You should now see your Wordpress admin login page.

❏Now use your login credentials to login. They should be on the initial screen with the green check mark that we talked about just a little while ago. If you can't find it, just ask Hostgator's live chat to help you!

Okay ya'll that's it! The basic parts of your blog have been set up! Now you can install your theme. My recommendation would be a **Restored 316 theme**. They are so beautiful and affordable. And I might add into this checklist later, how to install that if that is something that is needed!

Thank you all again for joining the Christian Blogging Academy community. I hope to be able to share and teach you all what I know about blogging and business so that we can glorify God with our talents!