

I'm sure you've seen those "life hacks" that are so popular now. You know those little things we do with an object made for a certain task to make another task easier. I have a friend who is so full of life hacks being around her becomes an educational experience.

I've started using a few of her life hacks for myself. Thanks to my friend, I am now a life hack convert. It was the clothespin that did it.

I don't own a clothesline. I didn't use them even when I had them. Yet I've got quite a collection of clothespins. Clothespins are great for holding the nail against the wall so I can hammer the nail into the wall without hammering my fingers. Clothespins make great closers for bags of chips and cereal. I've glued magnets to clothespins so as to turn my refrigerator into a bulletin board. Clothespins clip together socks and gloves before they get thrown into the drawer. (My husband cuts slits in milk jug caps for his socks...pretty ingenious!)

Clothespins can keep a recipe book open while you're cooking. Clothespins also hold open the pages of a book you're reading during lunch. That leaves both hands free for your chicken sandwich. Clothespins hold papers and bookmarks to the side of a tote bag. Clothespins are also great "tamers" for charger cords before throwing them into a suitcase.

The clothespins hacks and other life hacks from my friend have opened up a whole new world for me. Today, I froze some coffee in ice cube trays so my next iced coffee drink won't get watered down. I think I'm going to save that ketchup bottle when it's empty so I can put pancake batter in the bottle and squeeze out the perfect amount for one pancake. Then I can cap up the pancake batter/ketchup container and stick it in the fridge for pancakes tomorrow. Voila! Maybe someday I'll try that vinegar-in-a-bag-tied-around-the-shower-head-in-order-to-remove-lime-buildup my friend told me about.

I wonder if my friend knows about that Life Hacks Bible! I haven't seen one, but the advertisement for it looks intriguing. It's full of little "Life Hack Lessons" for Bible studies, prayer time, discernment tips, etc. (I don't remember the publisher and I don't know where to purchase one. Sorry.)

I know of one Life Hack in the Bible. Proverbs 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Now how is that a life hack, you might ask. Simple. Something difficult for you to understand? Go to a Christian friend, Bible in hand, and talk about it. Have a heavy burden? Ask a friend to share scripture and spiritual insight to ease your load. Need to make a decision? Ask a godly friend for advice and prayer. The experiences and wisdom and prayers of a godly friend will sharpen you.

No doubt about it. Godly friends are life hacks. I can't do life without them, can you?