

# Have you got a tool box?

Most households have essential to have some such as: hammer & nails, handsaw, pliers, a tape necessities as one would the hammer more than affix the various items and sometimes, just to fix doesn't seem inclined to



some kind of tool box. It's basic items in it, screw driver & screws, a measure, and other feel the need of. I've used once...to hang pictures, to needed to hang curtains, some stubborn board that stay where it should.

Screw drivers and I are another matter. We just don't always get along. There's the "straight" screw driver, and then there's the "Phillips" screw driver. Now why did someone have to amend an item that was already in service and just make things more complicated for me!

As for me, I prefer my own tool box - my make-up bag. It is a necessary item, for sure! Kinda helps to camouflage a few of the miles that the years have put on me. A little powder and a little lipstick seem to improve my disposition, too.

The really necessary tool box I need is the pill dispenser. You know, the one with the days of the week so that you don't forget to take your medicines. And I've got plenty! The dispenser that I use has four rows for the week. That makes it convenient to distribute morning and afternoon doses and the daily vitamins.

But, the very first tool box I open each morning is my Bible. And there are other tools that accompany it: A calendar of my Mom's that has a Bible verse and commentary for each day. Also, Martin Luther's daily study book given to me by my daughter, Ann. Added to the morning devotion is a book with stories for each day from the Women of Faith that was given to me by my step-daughter, Jolena.

Next, there is another daily study from various pastors, who have contributed for each day of the 52 weeks in the year; also another gift from a very special friend, Sylvia. (Bear with me, just two more to go.) My "Jesus Calling" book was a gift from my grandson and his wife... just about my favorite. And, of course, the Portal of Prayers daily readings.

Each of these tools provides inspiration, devotion, prayer, and praise to my Father in Heaven. Thank you, Lord, for the gifts and talents of the creators of these tools for me.

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