**Life Hacks**

Change all of your computer passwords to “Incorrect”. That way, when you forget your password when trying to log in, your computer will tell you “Your password is incorrect”.

Don’t throw out old doll heads. You can make a neat night light for your little sister. Just put a bulb inside and watch the eyes glow in the dark!

Tired of boiling water every time you make pasta? Just boil a few gallons and then freeze it for later.

Eggs are very healthy and should be the foundation of your diet. Don’t like the taste? Just add chocolate, butter, and flour, and bake for 30 minutes.

Stirring a generous amount of coconut oil into your kale makes it easier to scrape into the trash.

Add a touch of magic to your life by putting some glitter in your mouth before you sneeze.

You are welcome!

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*He put on righteousness as a breastplate.* Righteousness. God is absolutely, totally and completely perfect in every way. End of discussion. He cannot abide with sin. He loathes it. He will not allow anything less than His standard to prevail. Everything God does is righteous and good. Everything.

*And the helmet of salvation on His head.* Salvation. From before the creation of the world, God knew we would have a problem with sin. So He made plans for the redemption of man, salvation. It is the central theme of the Bible from beginning to end. Christ is the sacrifice, the Son of God. And if the references to the breastplate and helmet sound familiar, it is worthy of note that Paul, in writing to the Ephesian church, wasn’t the first to use an analogy of armor. A careful study of Isaiah 59 will reveal all the other items Paul mentioned as well.

*He put on garments of vengeance.*  Vengeance. God is a vengeful God. He is Judge, Jury, and Executioner. That description is discomforting to us. And yet, through the pages of the Bible we see over and over again God judging sin—harshly. It may even frighten us a bit. That is not all bad—*the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.*

The fourth character trait may surprise most. Few think of God in this light, which is truly unfortunate.

*And wrapped Himself in zeal as in a cloak.* Zeal. The “forgotten” character trait of God, zeal, is defined as “intense enthusiasm, to be deeply passionate about.” Everything God does, He accomplishes with eagerness and excitement. He is sincerely fervent about all He has ever done. That is an amazing idea. Just think what that can mean. Not only was He intensely passionate and enthusiastic about the big moments, like creation. But He is also as ardently interested when dealing with individual people on a day to day, moment by moment basis.

The zeal of God is awesome to behold. An example is found in Job 38:7. God was talking to Job, upbraiding him for his behavior, and reminding him about creation. He concluded with the phrase *while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy.* The picture that comes to mind is of overwhelming scope. Imagine the entire population of Heaven gathered together. Billions and billions of the heavenly host are looking on. Jesus Himself steps out into the nothingness. With the enthusiastic and passionate zeal of God Almighty, He declares “Let there be light.” As He speaks the words, light comes into being, (and probably all the laws of physics and time as well). In His zeal, He acknowledges the awesome, perfect, amazing thing He has done and says “It is good!” All of heaven recognizes it too, and a deafening cheer goes up to God for the wonderful things He has done in that moment. The universe that we live in is not merely an average creation prepared by a mediocre God. It is an absolutely astonishing creation completed by an enthusiastic, passionate God intent on doing His very best, if that is even appropriate to say.

