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TIME-SAVING TIPS FOR BUSY MOMS

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Dedication

Nathan Eric Parks

*Thank you for the time you've given me to work on my dream.
I love you always.*

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Introduction

As a married Christian homeschool mom who helps my husband run his computer business, I stay pretty busy. I know that you're busy, too, which is why I wrote this short eBook packed with simple time-saving tips and ideas—I want to offer a little help and encouragement to fellow busy moms.

A large part of time-saving has to do with our attitudes; so while reading this book, please remember to focus on doing what is best for your family and choose to let the other things go.

You can also keep the *Pareto principle* (or 80/20 rule) in mind. According to this principle, we can do 80 percent of the work in 20 percent of the time, and it takes the other 80 percent of our time to complete the remaining 20 percent of the work. In many cases, especially housekeeping and event planning, we can often complete the 80 percent and not worry about the other 20 percent.

I hope that you will also choose to [extend grace to yourself and to others](#). Learn from your mistakes, forgive others of theirs, and move on without wasting precious time and energy dwelling on negative issues.

Throughout your busy days, choose to keep a positive attitude. This is often easier said than done, but I want to encourage you to make an effort to be intentional and to fill your mind with good things. You could start a gratitude journal, read positive and encouraging articles, and, if you're a Christian, pray for guidance and read your Bible. Focusing on the positive helps us to use our time and energy on things that are truly important.

Note: For the sake of simplicity and timeliness, all resources that are recommended in this book are also linked to on the last page for quick reference.

Scheduling

1. Quickly make a to-do list each day. Checking items off a list is less time-consuming than trying to figure out or remember what to do next.
2. Do two or three of the most important items on your list first. It's okay if you don't get to the rest today.
3. Keep your calendar up to date. This will save time searching for little papers with appointment reminders. If you don't have a calendar, check your dollar store, do a Google search, or figure out how to use the calendar in your phone. (My favorite paper calendar is the [Time Keeper](#).)
4. If there's typically a long wait at your doctor's office, try to schedule appointments for early morning (before the doctor has a chance to get behind), right after lunch (when the office starts fresh for the afternoon), or late in the afternoon (when the whole staff is working to get patients out by closing time) so you don't have to wait as long. If possible, bring something from your to-do list to work on as you wait.
5. [Carve out a little time each day](#) for something you enjoy. Fifteen minutes is great. An hour is better. It may sound counter-productive, but having a quiet time for the kids and refreshing yourself mid-afternoon will give you more energy to accomplish other tasks quickly and with more vigor.
6. When you need a little extra nudge to accomplish things and work faster, set a timer and get moving!

Morning Routine

7. Condense your bath products. Try Suave 3-in-1: it's a body wash, shampoo, and conditioner in one bottle. Time saved at the store, time saved packing for trips, and no more time spent answering questions such as, "Which one is the shampoo?" over and over again. These products are great for kids, and good for moms when traveling or in a hurry.
8. Let kids pick out their own clothes. (This is best done the night before, if possible.)
9. Create and utilize a grab-and-go system. Designate a place in your home to keep items that you need to quickly have access to as you head out the door. Put needed items in that spot as soon as you return home so they're ready for next time.
10. Have children ages three and older get themselves ready to leave in the morning. Set a timer and tell them how much time they have. If they're not dressed when it's time to leave, they go in PJs. Your kids probably won't go places in their pajamas as often as you think they will.

Beauty

11. Simplify your makeup at least a few days each week. Tinted moisturizer (or your favorite foundation), mascara, blush, and lip gloss are plenty for everyday use.
12. Skip the manicures, except for special occasions. If you do polish your nails when you're in a hurry, dip your polished nails into a bowl or (clean) sink of cold water for a minute. This will set the nails. (Tip submitted by Lisa G.)
13. Wear flip-flops during at-home pedicures. This way you won't have to wait for the polish to dry before you can walk around.
14. Work *with* your hair, not against it. Learn to love your natural color. If you must do something, get highlights instead of a full color change so you can go longer between colorings. Don't spend time straightening curly hair or curling straight hair, unless it's for a special occasion. Embrace your hair's natural beauty. Find a great hair stylist and make sure she knows that you want a low- (or no-) maintenance hair style. Google "easy hair styles for [enter hair length/type here] hair" if you need more ideas.
15. Have simple go-to jewelry that goes with everything, such as diamond stud earrings and a simple silver necklace. Don't spend a lot of time searching for the perfect combination every day. If you really enjoy fun jewelry, keep jewelry sets in zip-lock bags or clear plastic containers so you can quickly find what you need each morning. (Tip submitted in part by Carol Gartman)
16. Only wear one outfit each day. If you're planning to go to three places, wear something that will work for all three. Dressy jeans, black pants, or a casual skirt with a nice top are all appropriate for most occasions. This will cut down on your preparation now and your laundry later. Also apply this rule to your children.
17. Keep only the make-up you actually use every day in your make-up bag so you can quickly pull out what you need each morning. Store the rest in a separate place in your bathroom.
18. Have an after-shower basket. Keep everything you use after your shower, such as your make-up bag, blow dryer, and moisturizer, in that basket.

Meals

19. Simplify meals. Cereal, eggs, or oatmeal with fresh fruit for breakfast. Sandwiches or leftovers for lunch. Every day.
20. Cook only once per day. Having friends over for lunch? Make enough to serve your family for dinner too. Or maybe you're making pancakes and bacon for breakfast. Cook enough to reheat at dinnertime.
21. Cook dinners that don't require a lot of hands-on time. Five minutes in the morning spent tossing a few things into the crockpot can save a lot of time at dinner. Baked chicken in the oven and a veggie on the stove take very little prep time. Or, if your husband likes to cook, ask him if he wants to grill out, then let him make dinner while you complete a different task.
22. Keep a trash can next to you while you cook. This saves repeated trips across the kitchen.
23. Simplify snacks. Fresh fruit or cheese slices mid-afternoon is plenty to satisfy everyone until dinnertime.
24. Consider forgoing bedtime snacks altogether. If your kids are used to eating close to bedtime, try eating dinner late enough and putting kids to bed early enough so they won't be hungry. If you do continue to serve snacks at bedtime, use napkins instead of plates and keep the snacks light, healthy, and very simple (such as whole grain bread with a little butter or plain carrot sticks); then set a timer for ten minutes. When the timer goes off, snack time is over.
25. Eat in the car. If you're running late in the morning, grab food to take with you (granola bars, bananas, etc.). If you usually eat dinner as a family, and you're going to arrive home after dinnertime (and have nothing prepared at home), *occasionally* drive through somewhere while you're out. Pass the food out in the car; then toss the trash into a trash can when you get home and move on with your evening together.

Other Kitchen Time-Savers

26. Occasionally use paper plates, especially when the meal is simple and casual. This will save you time and energy after the meal since you won't need to clean and put away dishes.
27. If possible, make only one meal for the entire family. All family members can be supportive of others who have food allergies by eating the same meal, and picky eaters will catch on quickly that they either need to eat the prepared food or wait until the next meal.
28. Use lidded cups. Kids who are too old for sippy cups can use a spill-proof cup with a straw or a sports lid, like the BPA-free [Klean Kanteen](#) bottles. This will help to cut back on time that would have been spent cleaning up spills throughout the day.
29. Have a special area for cups that you are using, and limit everyone to one cup per day. Color code the cups to help avoid confusion over whose cup is whose. (Tip submitted in part by Monica W.)
30. Keep a few ready-made meals on hand, such as SpaghettiOs, chicken nuggets, frozen pizza, and frozen vegetables. These are great to fall back on if the evening gets busier than expected or if you realize you're out of an ingredient you need for the dinner you had planned.
31. Wash dishes right away so the food doesn't have time to stick on them. If the food does get stuck, let the dishes soak in a hot, soapy sink for twenty minutes before scrubbing.
32. Use kitchen shears instead of a knife to cut things like pizza, waffles, pancakes, and French toast. (Do this *before* adding syrup.)
33. Circle expiration dates on medicine and condiments with a black sharpie (being careful to avoid covering any important information). This will allow you to quickly determine which things to toss when expired.

Housework

34. Use multi-purpose cleaning wipes for most surfaces. [Clorox wipes](#) are easy to use in the bathroom and kitchen. Quickly wipe kitchen counters and bathroom sinks during your normal tidy-up time to keep these areas clean and to shorten your deep-cleaning time later.
35. Make use of little minutes. Unload the dishwasher while dinner is simmering. Disinfect the bathroom while monitoring baths for the little ones. (Tip submitted by Vallery Crossley and Brenda Semones)
36. Enlist help. Pay a teen to come over for a few hours a week to help out, hire a cleaning person, give your children paid chores in addition to their regular chores, or trade babysitting time with a friend so you can each have a day to clean. Do whatever works for you, but try not to do all the housework alone when you have young children underfoot.
37. Establish simple family housekeeping rules. Our two rules are "Put it away, right away" and "Keep it in the room in which it belongs." When followed, these rules are huge time savers.
38. If you have company coming and your house isn't clean, light a candle, open a window if possible, and quickly focus only on the areas they'll see. Close bedroom doors if needed. I love [this "Fake a Clean House" article](#) by Sarah Aguirre with additional quick, company-prep tips. (The article suggests allowing five to fifteen minutes, but I recommend allowing an hour if possible, and taking the time for a quick shower if needed.)

Laundry

Note: Each family needs to find a laundry system that works for them. Not all of the laundry tips make sense to do together—the following tips are to help spark your own ideas for developing a laundry system that works well for your family.

39. Assign age-appropriate laundry chores. This should be easy for Mom. If your child doesn't keep up with his or her chore, such as putting dirty clothes in the hamper or washing his or her own laundry, the clothes simply don't get washed. They'll catch on.
40. Teach your kids to fold and/or put away their own laundry. Only do this if you're setting the example by folding your own laundry in a timely manner. If not, the next tip may be better for your family.
41. Have a clean laundry spot. One basket for each person. Family members can choose to fold and put away their own clothes or to wear them straight from the basket. Either choice saves you folding time. (Although, folding your husband's laundry for him when you can is a great way to serve him.)
42. Accept offers for hand-me-downs to cut down on time spent clothes shopping.
43. Try to buy inexpensive clothing for your children. This way if your daughter spills kool-aid down the front of her white t-shirt, you probably won't feel as strong a need to spend a lot of time scrubbing out the stain.
44. Have a spring/summer drawer and a fall/winter drawer for each child, plus a drawer for socks/underwear and a drawer for pajamas. This way they can pick out their own clothes from the proper drawer each day.
45. When putting away laundry, pair a top and bottom on one hanger. It saves space in the closet and time in the morning when picking out what to wear. (Tip submitted by Diane James)

46. Consider storing off-season clothing somewhere out of the way, such as your attic. If you do this, keep a few shorts and t-shirts out during the winter for those first warm spring weeks until you can pull the summer stuff out. Then, while transitioning clothes in the spring, leave several long-sleeve shirts and a few pairs of pants out in case there's a chilly late-summer day. (Tip submitted by Lisa G.)
47. Do one load of laundry from start to finish each day. That way there aren't any large laundry piles or assigned laundry baskets to dig through.
48. Have family members wear clothes more than once when possible.

(Note: If you're really behind on laundry, read [this article](#) for tips on how to catch up quickly.)

Technology

49. It is estimated that Americans watch an average of 35 hours of television per week. That does not include the hours spent on the phone or the computer. Save time by [cutting much of that out](#). Designate times for media consumption, then stick to those designated times.
50. Turn your phone on silent; then leave it on the charger or in your purse. Check it as you're able to throughout the day without getting distracted from other things every time your phone rings or beeps.
51. Get rid of cable. If you want to watch TV, watch shows on [Netflix](#) or borrow movies from friends (let them borrow your movies too). This saves commercial time as well as time that may be spent flipping through channels. Be intentional about television consumption, instead of watching something just because it's available. If you do watch shows with commercials, use commercial time to complete little tasks, have a conversation with those in the room with you, or catch up on some reading.
52. Plan how to use your computer time. If you want to get on your computer for thirty minutes, know what you're going to do in advance and do that first so you don't lose track of time and stay on too long. Set a timer to help you know when your time is up.
53. Beware of social media, which takes "keeping up with the Joneses" to a whole new level. Pinterest, Facebook, Twitter, and blogs can be great ways to stay in touch with people, but they can also make us feel like we need to be more crafty, take bigger vacations, cook more elaborate meals, and be all-around fantastic Super Moms. Each of those things takes even more time out of our day, and can zap our energy as we're left feeling inadequate.
54. Refrain from posting too much information online. It takes time to write blog posts, upload photos, and pin items. This can also make other people feel inadequate as well as feed into our need to seek approval from others. Stay in touch with loved ones by using little minutes to contact them directly instead.
55. Know what your biggest media time-waster is. Stop using that device completely for a set period of time (I recommend a month, if possible). Use that time to reevaluate why you're using that media and decide if you really need it back. Then set and stick to better, more productive limits.

Exercise

56. If you're at the park, then you're at the park. Avoid simply sitting on a bench. Push your kids on the swing. Run around with them. Jog around their play or sports area if you can still keep a close eye on them. It all counts as exercise.
57. Fit your workout in next to your regular shower time. Morning shower person? Get up twenty minutes earlier and pop in a workout DVD before your shower. Prefer evening showers? Go for a quick run before getting ready for bed.
58. Find ways to exercise without it taking away from family time. You can combine family time with workout time by taking a family bike ride or playing a game of soccer together. Or simply play a game of tag or kickball in the yard.
59. Remember that ten minutes is better than zero. If you don't have time for a full workout, just do something for a few minutes. Take a brisk walk. Do one of Leisa Hart's 10-minute segments in her [*My Personal Trainer*](#) workout DVD. Don't discount the little exercise minutes.
60. If you don't work out every day, choose to be okay with that. Three days is better than zero and less time-consuming than seven!

Commitments

61. Don't be afraid to say no, whether it's signing your kids up for a sports team, joining another committee, or babysitting someone else's children for the day. Saying, "Thank you so much for thinking of me, but unfortunately I won't be able to help this time" is one of the simplest ways to save time.
62. Use pre-packaged foods when needed. Frozen lasagna or chicken wings are appropriate foods to take to potlucks or to serve when having company over.
63. Focus on being a blessing to others rather than seeking to meet someone's approval. For example, if you sign up to take a meal to a new mom, don't stress yourself out by trying to make sure your meal measures up to what you think someone else's standards may be. Choose instead to bless the new mom with a simple meal and a positive attitude.
64. Reevaluate your schedule. Determine whether there's something you're already involved in that you can drop completely, such as extra work hours, book club, a child's extracurricular activity, or being head of an organization.
65. Refrain from going overboard with any activity or event. Keep things simple by remembering and practicing the 80/20 rule. For example, when hosting a party, use paper plates and plastic tablecloths in the theme colors as the main decorations. Keep the food simple— a bowl of grapes, a plate of sliced cheese, a veggie tray, and pulled pork sandwiches are simple items that include all of the food groups. The extra details are nice on occasion, but are not necessary most of the time. Focus on blessing, not impressing, your guests.

Fun with Kids

66. Bake with refrigerated cookie dough, box cake mixes, or brownie mixes instead of making things from scratch every time. All the fun, way less work.
67. Let your kids create using only crayons, colored pencils, construction paper, scissors, and glue sticks. Art projects should be encouraged, but markers, paint, glitter, and other messy things can be saved for a special occasion or put away for a rainy day.
68. Play in your yard or on your sidewalk. There's no need to spend time driving to and from the park. Just grab sidewalk chalk, a ball, and a jump rope (all of which can be purchased at a dollar store), and [head outside!](#)
69. Tell kids what time they have to be in their beds at night, then have them get completely ready for bed *before* doing a fun evening activity. This cuts back on much of the bedtime-prep dawdling that children are likely to do.
70. When your child starts acting negatively, take a few minutes to address the problem. He or she may just [need a little more](#) attention from Mom. Play a game. Talk. Listen. Take the time to have fun and nurture your relationship. That's more important than saving time by ignoring an issue—and the few minutes you take now will likely save time later by helping to keep a negative attitude from escalating.
71. Read a book with a flashlight on a rainy day. Way more exciting than normal reading. Practically no clean-up.
72. Eat outside. Let the ants eat the crumbs. The kids (and you) will love it!

On the Go

73. Make use of magnetic notepads—keep an ongoing grocery list on your fridge that you can simply tear off before you leave for the grocery store.
74. Keep a simple seasonal outfit in a small bag in the car for potty trainers.
75. If you have a baby with spit-up tendencies, keep an extra shirt in the car for yourself.
76. When someone else is going to be driving, toss your make-up bag into your purse and apply your make-up in the car.
77. Keep a comb or brush in the car. Girls ages three and older can brush their own hair on the way if they didn't have time at home.
78. Whenever possible, run errands and do all grocery shopping at one time each week instead of multiple trips throughout the week. Quickly go over your route in your mind before starting out so you can do the least amount of backtracking.
79. Make use of car time. Keep paper, pencils, blank cards, a pen, and a few audio books in a little basket in the car, as well as a book or other item for yourself. Have kids draw, write notes to grandparents, or listen to books while they're riding around. Write a card to someone or read a chapter in your book while waiting for your child to finish an activity (or slip the cards or book into your purse before heading in to an appointment).
80. Use coats that have hats attached. Keep gloves in the pockets. This eliminates the need to search for hats and gloves on cold days.

Paper Clutter

81. Automate bill payments. To do so, go to your online banking (call your bank for help if you need to) and enter in the necessary information. The website or bank teller will walk you through how to set up your automatic bill pay. This generally takes only a few minutes per bill.
82. Keep a trash (or recycling) can near your main door. Toss unneeded papers as soon as you walk inside. Keep a trash bag in your car so you can throw away any trash before you even enter the house.
83. Have a good system for storing addresses and phone numbers—smart phone, address book, file on your computer, wherever works for you. Have a back-up version if you'd like, but keep the basic information in one primary place if possible.
84. Only touch mail one time. When you get your mail, immediately toss the respective items in the trash, file them, or place them where they belong. (Tip submitted by Lisa G.)

The Night Before

85. Have all your kids show you their entire outfits (including accessories and shoes). Once they show you their outfits, put the clothes together in one place so they're ready for the next day. (Tip submitted by Brenda Semones)
86. Pack non-refrigerated lunch items the night before. Then just add sandwiches to the lunch bag in the morning. You can even stack the meat, lettuce, tomato, and cheese in a plastic container the night before, and pack two slices of bread in a separate container so the sandwiches can be assembled at lunchtime. (Tip submitted by Crystal Hogsten and Carol Gartman)
87. Make sure there is plenty of gas in the car the night before so you don't have to worry about taking time to fill up when you are trying to get somewhere on time. (Tip submitted by Kelli Beaumont)
88. Use your crockpot to make breakfast during the night so you can wake up to something hot and ready. (Tip submitted by Casandra Skaggs)
89. Prepare everything the night before for a quick grab-and-go breakfast on Sunday mornings when heading out for worship. (Tip submitted by Renee Brown)
90. Shower at night. Not everyone can, but it's worth trying for a week or so, especially in the summer if you're outside a lot.

Invest Time Now to Save Time Later

91. Organize dresser drawers and closets at least twice a year (preferably at the end of winter and end of summer). Don't get bogged down in the details. If it looks too small, too old, or hasn't been worn in the last year, put it in a bag to donate. An afternoon or two now will save many hours of time in the upcoming months.
92. Plan your meals in advance. It takes about fifteen to twenty minutes a week, and it eliminates the last-minute scramble to find something for dinner each night. (Tip submitted by Misty Bailey)
93. Prepare freezer meals. Spend an hour a week, a day a month, or just cook double of whatever you're making for dinner. Then freeze what you don't need right away to have on hand for later. (Tip submitted in part by Sherry Crossley)
94. De-clutter your house. Rethink everything. Keep only what you really need, love, and use often. If this seems overwhelming to you, read my eBook, [Chaos to Clutter-Free: 16 Realistic Steps to an Organized Home](#). While you declutter, remember that the less there is, the less there is to clean. (Not quite ready for a full-home declutter? Try out my [FREE 10-day email course about making your home a haven](#).)
95. Organize hand-me-downs into totes by size, season, and gender. Keep the next size up somewhere handy, like under a child's bed or in his closet. When a growth spurt hits, simply open the tote and pull something out!
96. Keep a gift stash. Summer-fun items at 90 percent off at the end of summer make great birthday gifts the next spring. Candles and bath products on clearance are nice hostess gifts. If possible, purchase gift-stash items when you're already out and spot a deal so there will be no need to make a special trip later.
97. Develop and stick to a routine, for you and your kids. Eating, sleeping, and chores should happen at similar times each day. If you stick to your routine, most kids will start to naturally follow suit after a few weeks. This allows for a calmer home and less time spent trying to make normal things happen.
98. Read time-management and organizational books and articles for further tips, advice, and motivation. [Go here to see a list of recommendations](#).

Time-Investment Tips on Parenting

99. Train your children to clean up after themselves. The time investment now will pay off later, both in saving time and in valuable responsibility lessons for your children.
100. Teach your kids to help with family chores, such as cleaning the bathroom, vacuuming, and being useful in the kitchen. Everyone can help with age-appropriate tasks until the chores are finished.
101. Take the time to train children to be obedient and have good attitudes. When their attitudes are poor, make sure to get to the heart of the matter. If you need help with this, read [*The Strong-Willed Child*](#) by Dr. James Dobson or [*Shepherding a Child's Heart*](#) by Tedd Tripp. Taking the time to properly address issues now will save considerable time and frustration later.

Conclusion

While many of the tips in this book are just simple items that will save a few minutes here and there, I want to encourage you to choose one (and only one) larger time-saving habit that you need to work on, and then strive to implement that habit into your daily life.

For example, my work-in-progress habit is “put it away, right away.” A friend’s is to get out of bed at least thirty minutes before her kids every day so she can have a head start on her mornings. Some people clean their kitchen before going to bed each night so they don’t have to scrub dishes in the morning.

Think of something you could do that will save time and make your life a little easier, then commit to turning that one (and only one!) simple change into a habit.

Remember, the goal of saving time is not just to take shortcuts and rush through life. The reason for saving time with little things is so that we can focus the majority of our time on that which is truly important.

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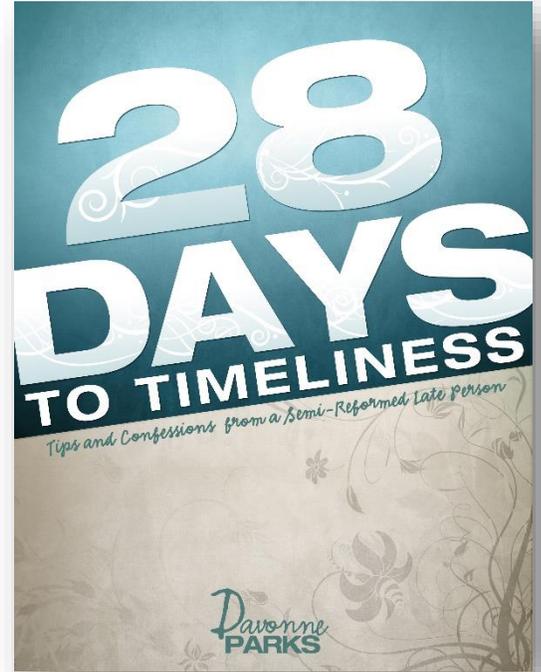
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I've taken own experiences and the lessons I learned, and I condensed them down into 28 short, easy-to-read segments that take just a few minutes to go over each day. The beginning of each segment contains an inspirational quote, and included at the end of every chapter is a practical course of action that can be taken to really initiate the discipline of being on time.

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And did you know there's a private [Tidy Up Club](#) on Facebook? Club members from all over the world encourage and motivate each-other as we care for our homes. We'd love for [you to join us!](#)

You can also subscribe to my [Vimeo Channel](#) and follow me on [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#).

Busy mom, go, save time with the little things so you can focus more of your time on that which is truly important.

Resources (in order of appearance)

Books

[Chaos to Clutter-Free](#), Davonne Parks

[The Strong-Willed Child](#), James Dobson

[Shepherding a Child's Heart](#), Tedd Tripp

[28 Days to Timeliness](#), Davonne Parks

Articles and other Websites

[High Performance Computer Services](#), Technical Support

[FarmHaus Studios](#), Graphic Design

[Housekeeping Tip #6: Feed Yourself Beautiful Truths](#), article by Davonne Parks

[How to Care for Yourself Without Being Selfish](#), article by Davonne Parks

[Fake a Clean House](#), article by Sarah Aguirre

[Laundry Catch-up Tips](#), article by Davonne Parks

[Why I Unfriended Every Single One Of My Facebook Friends](#), article by Davonne Parks

[Netflix](#), the frugal way to watch television shows

[15 Simple Outdoor Activities](#), article by Davonne Parks

[Maybe Your Child Just Needs You](#), article by Sarah Mae

[How I Decluttered my Entire House in Six Days](#), article by Davonne Parks

[Making Your Home a Haven: 10 Days to Getting the Results You've Always Wanted](#),

FREE email course with Davonne Parks

[Time-Management and Organizational Books](#), book recommendations from Crystal Paine

Products

[The Time Keeper](#), my favorite paper planner

[Klean Kanteens](#), water bottles

[Clorox Wipes](#), multi-purpose cleaning product

[My Personal Trainer](#), workout DVD by Leisa Hart

NOTE: I only refer to products that I personally use and love, and some resources in this eBook do include my affiliate link.