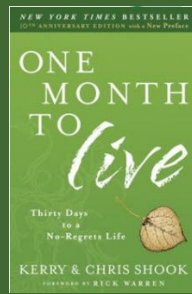


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DAY 13: *Sandpaper* SMOOTHING THE EDGES

Read the descriptions of the various tool types again. Which tool best describes the way you sometimes come across to those around you? Are you more of a hammer, a skill saw, an az, or something else? The truth is that most of us are multipurpose tools and react differently depending on the context and our chemistry with others. Consider how your different relationships bring out different defensive or offensive reactions.

Describe one person in your life who consistently rubs you the wrong way. How have you attempted to relate to him or her in the past? If you knew you only had one month to live, what would you want to tell this person? What's keeping you from speaking up today?

How often are you tempted to point out the problems in someone else's life - rarely, occasionally, frequently? What usually motivates your observations concerning the specks of others? Spend time in prayer, asking God to help you remove the tow-by-fours in your own life before speaking about someone else's specks.