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My Favorite Android Apps

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Because our ICON membership includes folks who have both iPhone/iPad tablets AND

Android phones and Microsoft PCs, we try to include diverse articles to help everyone

learn something.

However, I don’t see many articles about Android apps so I’ll share a little about the ones I especially like. My smartphone is a Samsung Galaxy S8.

Google Assistant with Voice Recognition – I really like being able to talk to her and ask her for information, directions or ask her to call individuals or businesses for me.

Do Not Disturb – My husband complained because my phone was making notification noises during the night and waking him up. One day I discovered Do Not Disturb. I set it to turn on at 10 PM each day and turn off at 7 AM the next day. (Under Sounds and Vibrations)

Location -- I especially like this when we’re traveling and need directions to specific places.

Voice Recorder – I used this when I wanted to record an audio book for my son and his wife.

Flashlight – I have a practice of staying up late after my husband goes to bed and he’s turned off all the lights except in my computer room. I turn on the flashlight and avoid running into walls, etc. At one of our meetings a friend demonstrated how he carries his phone in his shirt pocket and when he’s in a darkened restaurant, he tells his assistant to turn on the flashlight.

Calculator – I use my calculator every time to go to the grocery store to compare prices.

Texting – I like texting because it’s so much faster than email. Though I do check my email if I’m expecting something.

Portrait mode only – I keep this turned off so I can rotate to landscape mode especially when I’m watching a YouTube “How To” video.

Camera Zoom feature – This I like when I’m taking a picture of something at a distance and want it closer up.

Clock – I like to take frequent naps and I set the alarm to awaken me.

I should use the calendar for making appointments and plans, but I haven’t weaned myself from my little daily planner yet.