## **Sweet and Spicy Pumpkin Seeds**

- 1 cup pumpkin seeds (from 1 medium pumpkin)
- 5 tablespoons <u>sugar</u>
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 ground ginger
- 1 pinch <u>cayenne pepper</u>, to taste
- 1 1/2 tablespoons peanut oil
  - 1. Preheat oven to 250°F.
  - 2. Remove and wash seeds from pumpkin.
  - 3. Spread seed on cookie sheet bake for 1 hour stirring occasionally, about one hour.
  - 4. Combine in bowl 3 tablespoons sugar, salt, cumin, cinnamon, ginger, cayenne.
  - 5. Heat peanut oil in large skillet over high heat.
  - 6. Add pumpkin seeds and remaining 2 tablespoons sugar.
  - 7. Cook until sugar melts and seeds caramelize (about 45 seconds).
  - 8. Transfer to bowl with spices and coat well.
  - 9. Let cool.
  - 10. Store for up to 1 week in airtight container.

NOTE: I don't even rinse the seeds. Just get the goop off.