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DUSTING NEEDED

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Let's be real, most of us do not like doing housework. Dusting, vacuuming, and cleaning up around the house is one of those 'need to do things, not want to do things'. I'm sure you noticed that even if you have a small household like we do, just the two us, the task of dusting must be done. You can look at your furniture and see the dust accumulate. It begins to show its ugly head within three days or so after you've done it. Growing up we had to dust our home weekly, usually every Saturday, before our parents would allow us to enjoy our day with fun activities. One of my dear friends said she put off being married until she was

prepared to deal with household duties realizing how much she disliked it. The other day I was sitting in our great room and as the sun was shining through the window I could see dust particles floating in the air that would soon land on the coffee table, TV and other household furnishings. I chuckled as I saw it and in my mind thought "dusting will be needed again soon." Do I delay doing it? You bet. On occasions I will let it go for two weeks before I decide to bite the bullet and get the dusting spray and cloth out to wipe off all the furnishings.

As the day progressed the Lord began to share with me how our hearts get dusty as we journey through this life. The dust particles of sin float through the air every day. It floats through our ear gate, eye gate and is often expressed out of our mouth gate after landing on our heart. We sometimes fail to see the sin dust falling in our world around us when it is not a blaring or overt sin. We often judge things as harmless and give green lights to things where a yellow or even red light should be flashing. If time isn't taken to dust our hearts of the impact of this world it will accumulate and before long everyone will see the effect. There's a beautiful song we sing at our churches that speaks about asking the Lord for a clean heart so we may serve Him. Remember Jeremiah writes our hearts are deceitful and desperately wicked. God knows our heart better than we do so He tries us to reveal to us what is reigning (controlling) when it's not Him in the leader spot (see Jeremiah 17:9-10). This test is God's dust checker system. The dust spray and cloth to clean our heart is the word of God and being led by the Holy Ghost. God's word sprays our heart with truth and we are dusted by obeying the leading of the Holy Ghost. Our faith in the word is followed by our acts of obedience to keep our heart dusted from sin.

We need dusting daily. However, if you tend to put it off, like I do dusting my house, don't delay any longer. The dust accumulation will be reflected in your thoughts, words and deeds. When is the last time you dusted your heart? That long huh? Dusting needed!

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