

## Small Habits Big Difference — Game Changers

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### I. The Laundry Room Smell Test

**Psalm 51:1-6** (NIV) *David's prayer of confession...* **1** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

**2** Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.

**3** For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.

**4** Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are right in your verdict  
and justified when you judge.

**5** Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

**6** Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;  
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

Keys to steadfast living:

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### II. Eternal Life Guards

**Galatians 6:1-2** (NIV) *Doing good to all...* **1** Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. **2** Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

 Wash gently in \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 22:35-39** (NIV) *The Greatest Commandment...* **35** One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: **36** "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

**37** Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' **38** This is the first and greatest commandment. **39** And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

### III. The Law of Love

**Romans 8:3-4** (NIV) **3** For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

 How can a person be righteous before God?

**Romans 8:5-8** (NIV) **5** Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. **6** The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. **7** The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. **8** Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

 How can a person have victory over the flesh?

**Romans 5:1-5** (NIV) Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. **3** Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; **4** perseverance, character; and character, hope. **5** And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on my life. I want to love like You. Teach me to walk in love daily. Deliver me from complacency. Help me persevere. In Jesus' Name. —Amen.