

Daily Devotion For September 3, 2021

“Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me.” Psalm 51:10

Last night I received a phone call from my brother asking if he can come up to Monterey for the Labor Day weekend and stay with Sherry, Huey, and I. Of course, we were happy that he and his dog Grinch are visiting. Problem is, after coming back from Yosemite, the house is a mess.

So, I woke up early and began to clean the house to make it suitable for our guests. Cleaning is something we all prefer to avoid, but it is something that is necessary. When it comes to cleaning house, the more we neglect doing what is needed, the worse things get, and the longer it will take to get clean again. That is the case with our home.

As I think about cleaning house, I wonder how our hearts are like messy houses at times. On the outside we may look in order, but on the inside, our hearts may be full of clutter. The clutter of unforgiveness, bitterness, sadness, lack of joy, worry and so much more.

All this clutter makes for a huge mess behind the closed doors of our hearts. Just as putting off cleaning our homes creates chaos around us, the longer we allow our hearts to stay cluttered and messy, the more messes our bad habits make in our lives.

Thought For Today: Besides a clean house, is God nudging you to do a little heart cleaning? Any bad attitudes that need to be taken care of.

Today's Prayer Focus: Pray that God would create in you a clean heart. Pray that God would rid you of the clutter of your heart. Deo Volente.