

## **Day 21 Go, Continued!**

**My own bedroom and bathroom used to be last on my priority list. After all, anyone who came over was going to see the living areas and kitchen first, and then the kids were playing in their rooms off and on all day, so those seemed to be more important to keep clean.**

**Sometime in the past few years, my thoughts on that have changed. Now I make my bed as I'm getting out of it, and I keep the bathroom picked up too. The "swish and swipe" bathroom routine encouraged by Marla of Flylady was a big encouragement in that area! It made a big difference for me and was simple to implement; just wipe down the bathroom countertops and sink as well as giving the potty a quick swish every morning. The master bedroom and bathroom are really your retreat area--or maybe if they're not, you should really consider turning them \*into\* a retreat-type area! My kids have always slept with us as babies, so believe me, I'm not a "no-kids-in-my-bedroom" person. As they've aged, however, I've really found out that I NEED my own privacy, as well as a place that is the only kid-free zone in our home. The toddler does still follow me in here and of course all rules are out the window if it's a sleep-in-snuggle-in special weekend kind of day, but generally, they know they're not supposed to come in to my room.**

**So think about your room today! Prioritize this area that belongs to you and your husband. Do a pickup first . . .**

**\_\_ Ceiling fan**

**\_\_ Windows and pictures/mirrors**

**\_\_ Wash your sheets and pillowcases**

**Take a break!**

**\_\_Straighten any bookshelves or stuff that's in/on your dressers/nightstand areas**

**\_\_Polish bookshelves/dressers/nightstand**

**\_\_Sweep/vacuum under furniture--empty out under the bed!**

**Take a break! You deserve it!**

**\_\_Sweep/vacuum/mop the floor**

**Enjoy!**

**If you've got too much clutter in this room, I'll bet you can feel it. Toss some things! Each thing you possess has to be cared for in some way, whether it's dusting once a week or moving from place to place (which happens especially to things you don't really want anyway.) So pare down. Don't store things on the floor if you can possibly avoid it. And think about letting your kids know that this is \*your\* space. Get rid of the TV. Put a comfy chair in there (if it will fit!) for Bible study in the mornings. Hang a new picture on the wall. Think about repainting some weekend. Make it a place you enjoy spending time!**