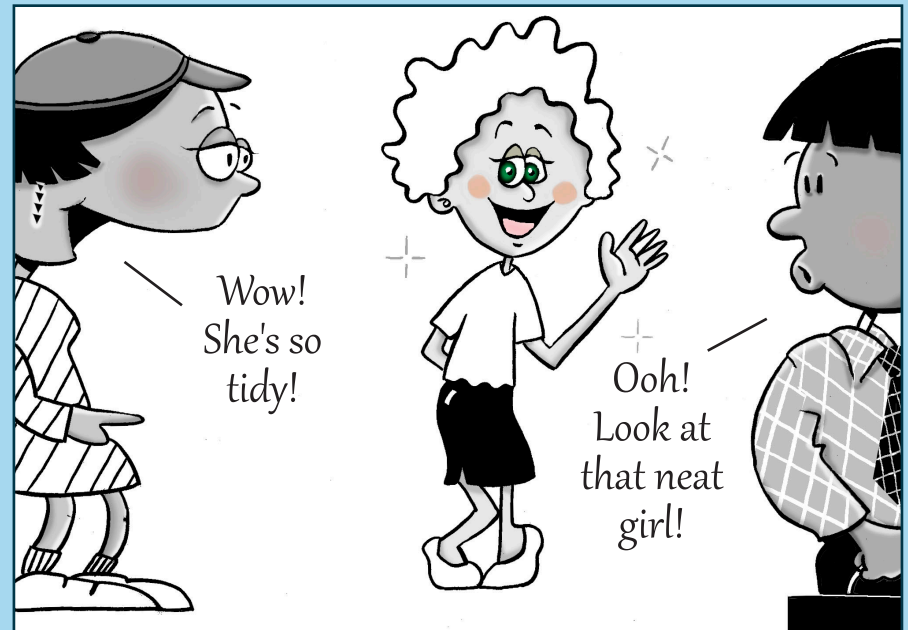
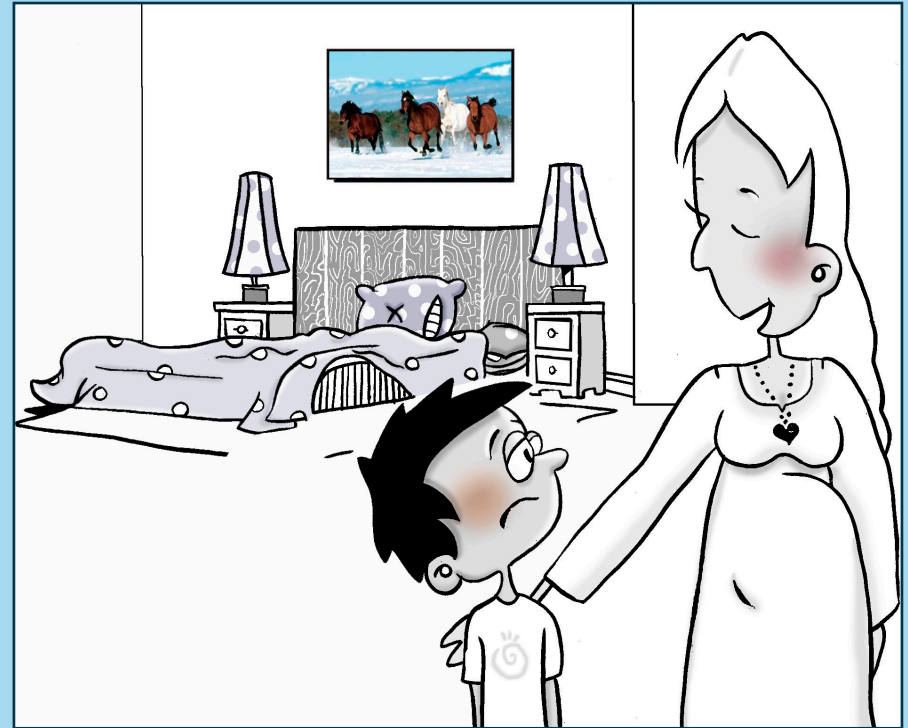
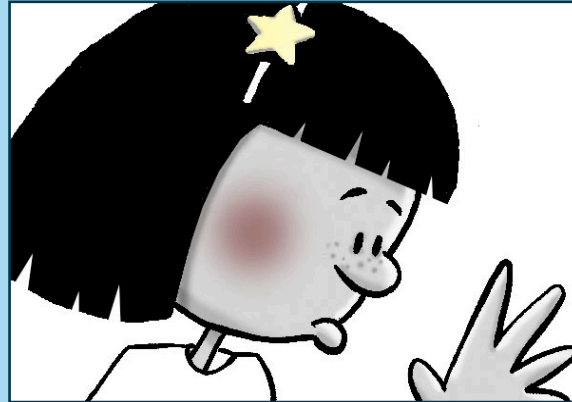


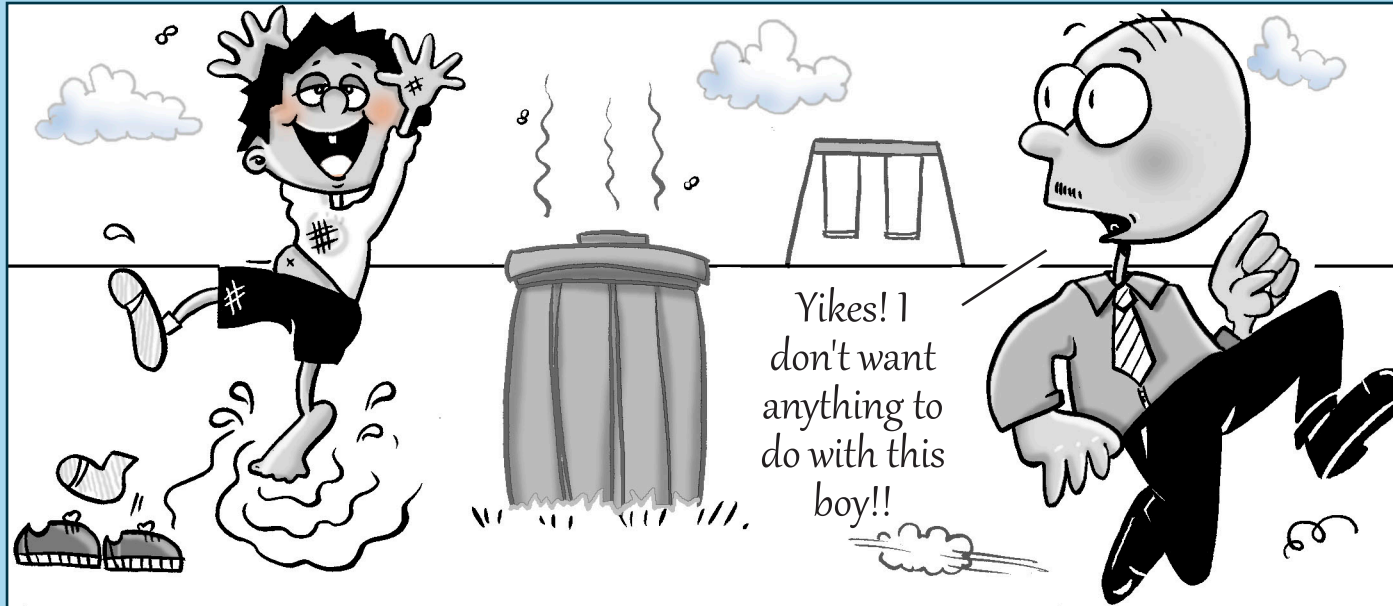
WHY TIDINESS?

Do you sometimes wonder why your parents try to get you to clean up? Why they are so concerned about the living room being neat, or your clothes being put away, or your bed being made well? One reason is to teach you good habits that will help you throughout your life. These are habits that when formed will help you live a well-ordered life and can also help you in your relationships with others.

As you grow, you will find that most people you meet respect those who are neat and tidy.

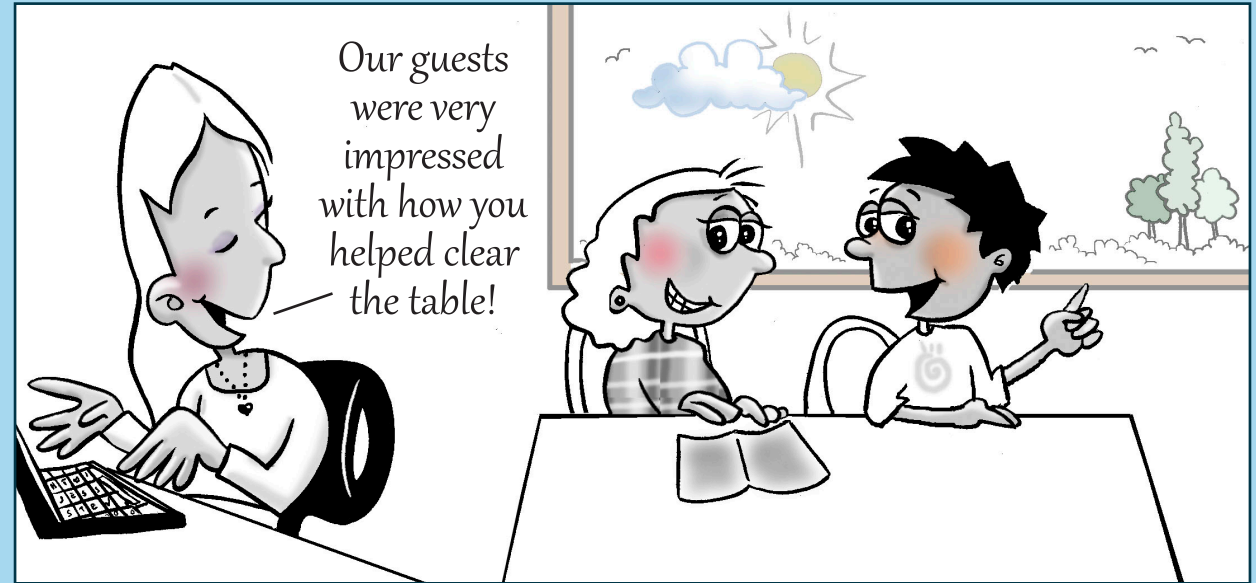
They are more able to place their trust in such people, because to them being neat and tidy shows that you care about details and you are faithful. Your heart may be right, but they can't see what is in your heart at first glance, so they look for outward signs of what your heart is like.





If they see that you are messy and sloppy, they might think you're lazy, unfaithful, or disorganized. Then it will be hard for them to trust you with responsibilities and things that matter to them because they won't know if you will treat a responsibility they trust you with the same way that you take care of your appearance.

On the other hand, if you're neat and tidy, then they'll have a positive impression of you. What's more, they are then apt to recognize Jesus' spirit in you.



If you do your best to keep yourself presentable, even though you may not be dressed in fancy clothes or the latest style, you're doing your part that will help people know that you can be faithful in the little things and that you are trustworthy.