

ORGANIZING FOR THE *Rest* OF US

100 Realistic Strategies to Keep
Any House Under Control



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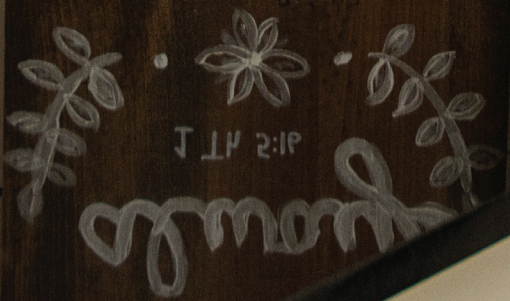




Be
joyful
always

1 Th 5:16

The sign is a vertical wooden plank with a dark, weathered finish. It features the phrase "Be joyful always" in a white, hand-painted script font. The text is centered and surrounded by white-painted floral and leaf motifs. At the top, there are two small flowers flanking a central dot, with leafy branches extending downwards. At the bottom, there are two more small flowers flanking a central dot, with leafy branches extending upwards. The sign is mounted on a wall made of horizontal wooden planks. To the left, a black metal frame with pulleys is visible. To the right, a green plant in a white pot is partially visible.



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This block shows a reflection of the wooden sign, appearing as a mirror image of the sign above it. The text and floral decorations are reversed and appear in a lighter, less distinct tone against the dark background of the reflection.

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THREE DAYS' WORTH OF DISHES

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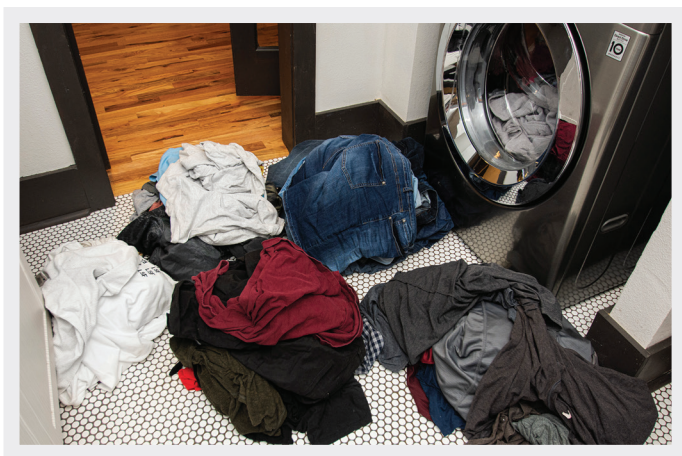


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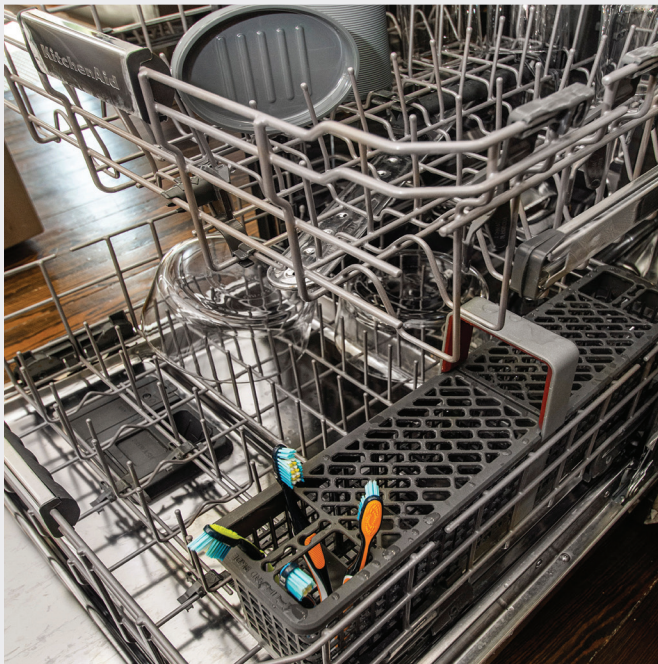
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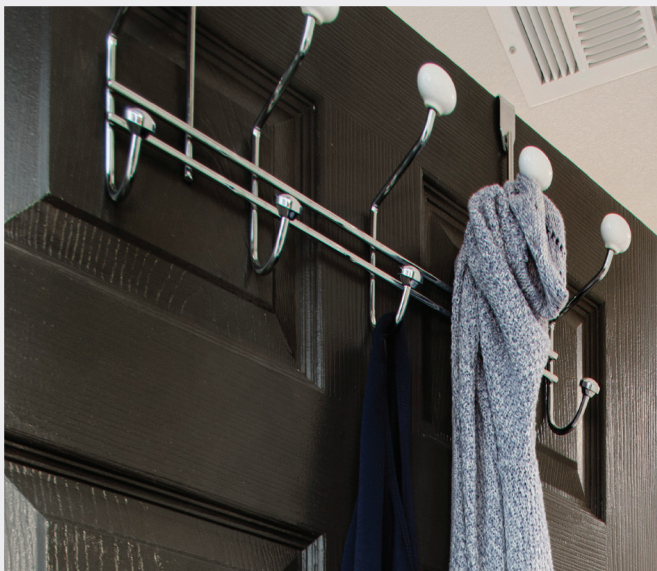
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