

# Honestly Evaluating Our Excuses

## “Why I’m Not Going to Bathe Anymore...”

- “I was forced to bathe as a \_\_\_\_\_.”
- “Bathing has become the same old boring \_\_\_\_\_.”
- “Soap makers are only interested in my \_\_\_\_\_.”
- “The people I know who *do* wash: they think they’re the only ones who are \_\_\_\_\_.”
- “The people who do wash: they get \_\_\_\_\_ too!”
- “Who really \_\_\_\_\_ what is ‘clean’ and what is ‘dirty’?”
- “Who are you to \_\_\_\_\_ that I’m dirty?”
- “You’re \_\_\_\_\_ and hateful when you tell me I’m dirty.”
- “There are so many different \_\_\_\_\_ of soap, how could I even begin to choose?”
- “I still bathe at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”
- “I just can’t \_\_\_\_\_ myself. I’m resigned to the fact that I’ll always be dirty.”
- “I’m still \_\_\_\_\_. Maybe I’ll have a change of heart when I’m older.”

## Do the Same Excuses Apply to Your Spiritual Well-Being? (*Prov 30:11-14; Acts 15:9; Rev 7:14; 1 Cor 6:9-11; Titus 3:4-7; 2 Tim 2:21; 1 John 1:7; Acts 22:16*)

- “I was forced to ... as a child.” (*Eph 6:1-4*)
- “... has become the same old boring routine.” (*Col 3:17*)
- “... are only interested in my money.” (*2 Cor 4:2*)
- “... think they’re the only ones who are saved.” (*Heb 10:19-22*)
- “... aren’t perfect!” (*1 John 2:1-2*)
- “Who really defines what is ‘...’ and what is ‘...’?” (*John 17:17*)
- “Who are you to judge that I’m ... ?” (*John 7:24*)
- “You’re unloving and hateful when you tell me I’m ...” (*Eph 4:15*)
- “There are so many different ... , how could I even begin to choose?” (*Eph 4:3-6*)
- “I still ... at Christmas and Easter.” (*Matt 15:7-9*)
- “I just can’t control myself. I’m resigned to the fact that I’ll always be ...” (*1 Thes 4:3-5*)
- “I’m still young. Maybe I’ll have a change of heart when I’m older.” (*James 4:13-17*)