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What If You Had Green Teeth?

(How extraordinary people maintain their attitude)

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**“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a
right spirit within me.”**
(Psalm 51:10)

Honey, I’ve shrunk my heart!

Adopt a spirit of entitlement.

“At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: ‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.’ In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.” (Job 1:20-22 NIV)

Accumulate the weight of a thousand small compromises.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us **strip off every weight that slows us down**, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.” (Hebrews 12:1 NLT)

Neglect your spiritual disciplines.

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I will be gracious when I’m tempted to be **jealous**.

I will be joyful when I’m tempted to be **mournful**.

“You haven’t done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.” (John 16:24 NLT)

I will be thankful when I’m tempted to be **forgetful**.

“Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name. Let all that I am praise the Lord; **may I never forget the good things he does for me**. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle’s! The Lord gives righteousness and justice to all who are treated unfairly. He revealed his character to Moses and his deeds to the people of Israel. The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unending love. He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever. He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. **For his unending love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.**” (Psalm 103:1-11 NLT)