

-1 Martha the Mumbler

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(Scene is Martha's messy bedroom where she is listening to music on headphones)

Mother: (enters, does not notice that Mary has headphones on) Martha you need to pick up your room. I have invited company over this weekend and I don't want anyone wandering in here and getting lost. So can you pick it up please?

(Martha is still listening to her music)

Mother: (loud) Martha. (LOUDER) MARTHA!

Martha: (notices her mother and takes off headphones) Hi Mom.

Mother: Martha, How many times have I told you not to have your music that loud? Anyway I was asking you to clean up this room before the president declares it a national disaster area.

Martha: Oh Mom, it's not that bad. Can't I just wait to do it tomorrow? It's Saturday, isn't that a day of rest or something?

Mother: I don't want to argue with you, I just want this room clean now.

Martha: Yes Mother, what ever you say.

Mother: I'll be back later to check on your progress. (exits)

Martha: Just great, I get a day off from school and I gotta work on this all day. This is ridiculous. Mom doesn't remember what it is like to be a kid. So just wants to make me miserable.

(Mother comes in while Martha is speaking)

Martha: Clean your room. Don't listen to your music. What's next? Don't breathe?

Mother: Martha! What are you doing?

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Martha: (sees Mother and starts hurrying around) Cleaning Mom, just like you told me. Cleaning high, cleaning low, I just love cleaning.

Mother: Maybe you just start by cleaning up your attitude. I heard you complaining about what I asked you to do.

Martha: I'm sorry Mom. I didn't really mean it.

Mother: Then you shouldn't say it Martha. Do you know what Philippians 2:14 says?

Martha: I don't know, maybe Thou shalt clean thy room?

Mother: No but it says something just as important. "Do all things without murmuring and disputing"

Martha: So are you telling me that God's Word says it's wrong to complain about my chores?

Mother: It's important not to complain about anything we are asked to do.

Martha: Anything? Even eating my Brussel Sprouts.

Mother: Well Phil 2:14 does say "all things", I guess that includes yucky vegetables.

Martha: I really am sorry that I complained about picking up my room Mom, I'll do it right away.

Mother: I forgive you Martha but don't forget to ask God to forgive you too.

Martha: I will Mom, just as soon as I finish picking up this room.

Mother: In that case I think I'll help you. Otherwise you may not be able to get to it until some time next week. Here let's start over here,

(Two puppets exit together)