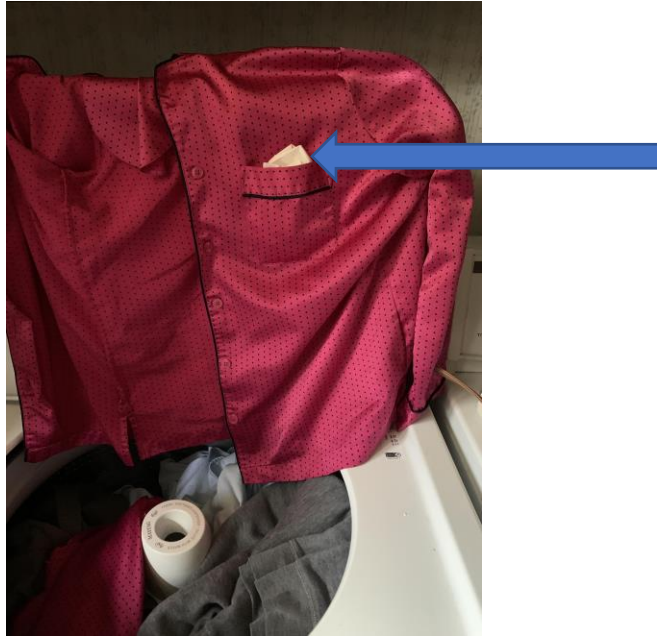


# LAUNDRY LITTER

Let's be honest. You've had it. That Kleenex you've left in the pocket of your pants or pajama's? Yep! You know what I'm talking about.



And when you open that washer lid, it hits you. "I forgot to check all the pockets!" On a good day you might find some laundered money. But on a day when you're probably on a time crunch and need things to run smoothly, you find loads of litter in the laundry drum and all over the clothes.



So I take the litter outside in the garage to shake it out. Then I sweep up the mess.



When it's all said and done, I check the lint trap, which is still full of traces of laundry litter.



I thought how much this is like the litter in my life, whether it be my thoughts, words, actions, or not acting on something I should. I'm all together before I'm put to the test and run through the ringer. There's a mess to clean up if I've not been diligent in cleaning out the pockets of my heart. The ringer reveals loads of litter that must be dealt with, shook out, swept up, and cleaned out of the hidden lint trap. When it comes to sin in my life (which looks a lot like lint) I'm thankful Jesus cleaned up my past, present, and future pockets of sin on the cross. Now I am clean before God, without lint, and replaced with His love. John 3:16, 1 John 1:9

*<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16** . <sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:9***