

## Everyday Blessings

*Let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit which is very precious in the sight of God. — 1 Peter 3:4*

A few weeks ago I was pleasantly surprised when I went to the store to purchase some milk and another shopper called my attention to beautiful bouquets of flowers for one dollar. I excitedly looked for just the right bouquet with lots of purple and yellow flowers.

I brought it home and proudly displayed it where all could admire it as they came in the door. Its colors remained vivid for over a week. Then the purple flowers began to wilt. I placed the yellow flowers in a smaller vase in the kitchen where they would brighten the mundane chores of life.

The stunning bouquet reminded me of the spectacular lives of glamorous people. They are beautiful to look at but in reality, have very little impact on my life. The simple flowers that persisted are like ordinary Christians who God uses to impact my life greatly. They are dependable, gentle, and kind. They are not showy, calling attention to themselves. Their smile and kind words are their beauty. They exhibit a meek and quiet spirit that brings joy as they remind me of God's blessings in my life.