

# Leaving Things Half Done - Shit Test or Not?

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The last couple days my wife has been leaving stuff half done around the house. She gathered all the little trash cans in the house and left them in my garage gym literally 8 feet from the big trash can. She emptied the kitchen trash and left the bag in front of my car in the garage 15 feet from the big trash can outside. She took the recycling out of its spot in the pantry and left it in the middle of the family room. She emptied the old food out of the fridge, and left it in its containers on the counter getting even more nasty instead of dumping it and washing the containers.

It's not that she doesn't have time. She's been busy with a project, but this is out of character. She's a SAHM and still spends time playing the piano. It looks to me like she's leaving all this half done stuff in the way to see if I'll do it for her. Smells like a passive aggressive shit test or compliance test to me. It would be easy for me to finish it all, but I'm not going to jump through hoops just because she put them there for me.

For 2 days I've just ignored most of it, haven't said a word. Did a load of dishes yesterday, but ignored the rotting food in containers.

Last night I told my son to dump the little garbage cans in my garage gym and take them back to the rooms they go to. He said he didn't want to and I was about to tell him he didn't have a choice when my wife chimed in and let him off the hook. He went upstairs, and I told my wife I'd appreciate it if she backs me up with the him next time. She said yes totally he should should help, then she called him back and told him to empty the garbages.

Do you guys see this as a shit test? Or, is it just a wife overwhelmed with her project and indirectly asking for help leaving half done stuff everywhere?

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UEMcGill • 11 points • 28 November, 2018 10:13 PM

In leadership and management you should always take a chance to lead. Here the team was telling you, "I'm not getting shit done."

Your answer should be to address it head on.

"What's going on with these garbage cans?"

She either needs, resources or training, or it's a one off. Find out before it becomes entrenched.

Finally, get shit done. If she refuses to do it, get it done without her, then withdraw attention proportionately. Escalate dread levels until it's resolved.

becoming\_alpha[S] • 4 points • 29 November, 2018 05:07 AM

Yesterday morning I told her I have an assignment for her. She said I know, clean the kitchen. I said you should do that too, but your assignment is tell me how you want to celebrate your birthday next week (pretty busy day already). The incident with my son went down after I got home yesterday while she was frantically cleaning the front room for guests who were coming to visit. Last night she finished her project, and told me she wanted to go to dinner early and still do all the scheduled normal stuff on her birthday.

This morning, she was up before 6 starting to clean the kitchen. I came home today and the whole house was spotless, every dish washed and put away, counters and stove scrubbed, vacuumed, garbage gone. I told her good job getting the house cleaned up. She said she also did a good job the last couple days ignoring it while she worked on her project. I think it was half passive aggressive shit test and half preoccupation with her project.

I did notice a pile of boxes in my gym area and asked her what's going on with the boxes? She said the recycling was full because we were out of town last week and it didn't get picked up. Fair enough, and I moved them to the side out of my way.

The\_Litz • 11 points • 28 November, 2018 07:09 PM

Passive aggressive shit test.

My buddy takes the trash and empties the bin onto his son's bed if he 'forgets' to do it after being asked a few times.

I am not saying you should do the same, but the mindset is similar.

Call her out on it. And secondly, don't let it occupy so much of your mind.

[deleted] • 3 points • 28 November, 2018 08:12 PM

It looks to me like she's leaving all this half done stuff in the way to see if I'll do it for her.

Not to psych 101 this but don't ascribe to shit test that which may just be lazy.

You're thinking too much about it and trying to get into her head space instead of dealing directly.

Personally I wouldn't care if she delegated to the kid if he needs chores and can do a good job. Then it becomes between her and her subordinate... your xo still ranks above him.

Don't pick up the slack ... if it's important to you and agreed to as a condition of her being a SAHM, then like anything when you slack off at work after getting a verbal there would be escalating consequences. Could just be

from piling up her crap somewhere until it's going to be a real p-i-t-a to you just not being around because the place is a pig sty and you don't enjoy that type of environment, or a reduction in her budget (which, being the only breadwinner, I seriously hope you've gotten that under control) to pay for a cleaning service.

Kpwn88 • 3 points • 29 November, 2018 12:08 AM\*

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You don't see how bad this situation is, do you? She is clearly calling the shots and your son knows it. He follows her lead in a game of, "Fuck you, Dad."

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She wants to fight, and even though she doesn't realize it, she wants to lose the fight.

Do not ignore problems, this is a beta move that only makes problems worse. Confront them, calmly and rationally. Like a man. My suggestion, ask her in a concerned manner why she is doing this. She will undoubtedly try to trip you up every step of the conversation. The key is to stay calm and tease her as she inevitably starts ratcheting up the bitchiness to get a rise out of you.(And she will)

Obviously, she has a nagging sensation that you aren't "doing your job" but this isn't about the trash, or the dishes. It's about you being a faggot that avoids confrontation. Quit jerking off and face your fears. That's all you get. You can figure the rest out on your own.

Good luck!

3legsbetter • 2 points • 29 November, 2018 02:33 AM

My family had a couple of pet cats growing up. Used to come downstairs in the morning to find all sorts of half-finished critters decorating the place. Lizards, mice, gerbils, and one time the head of what has to have been a pretty big hare.

The cat-people narrative was always that these were gifts, or offerings.

I wonder if my cats were compliance testing me?

Anyway. Your wife is compliance testing you, for sure.

red-sfpplus • 2 points • 28 November, 2018 08:18 PM

Drop some lent and dust inside the piano on the strings to make it out of tune.

See how quickly and accurately that lent and dust is cleaned up and wonder why the trash is left in your area.

Is your wife the mom from The Sinners? Playing the piano to Jesus daily?

You are the trash.

Faggot.

redwall92 • 2 points • 28 November, 2018 09:53 PM

Drop some lent and dust inside the piano on the strings to make it out of tune.

You're funny to watch man. This is the hopped-up "get the fuck outta here little girl" response to the wife. Probably won't do what he's looking for...

But she is a reflection of OP. I'll agree to that.

UEMcGill • 2 points • 28 November, 2018 10:09 PM

I think it's a pretty astute observation. The OP has already stated where her priorities lie, this would be confirmation of either lazy or shit test.

Frosteecat • 1 point • 29 November, 2018 03:04 AM

Classic passive aggressive behaviors. She's telling you she wants to do half the chores and that you get the nasty half.