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Spiritual Reflection on the Virtue of

CREATIVITY

Creativity is the power of imagination allowing the expression of new ideas with originality.

Express yourself in a highly distinctive way.

The Bible tells us, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”, Genesis 1:1. If we just look we can see every day what he has given us. His **creativity** is boundless with all things beautiful. He created the light, the lands, the water, and all the living creatures. He made male and female in his own image. “God blessed them.” If God has given so much to us do we not have that **creativity** within each of us? Do we not have the responsibility to be creative with our gifts? .

Romans 12:6-8 tells us, “We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of other, let him give generously if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.” Each of us have different gift, and with those gifts we have been given creative abilities. Just think of ways we can **creatively** use our teaching abilities. We can use music, arts, and poetry to be creative in our teachings. In our care for others we can use our **creativity** to make their lives more comfortable by be friendly, generous, loving, and kind. In leadership we can be creative on how we treat others, how we teach others, and how we care for others. We can do it with enthusiasm!

All of us have had persons in our lives that have been very creative and we were able to grow from it. It may have been a teacher who led us to an art career. It may have been a Pastor or a parent who gave us the confidence to be creative in choosing a career. It may have been a person that God put in our lives to make a difference.

2 Corinthians 5:17 tell us, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation”. When a person becomes a Christian, a new act of creation happens to him. His old life is gone forever; a new life has come into being. This “new creation” is a gift from God and through this gift we can use our **creativity** abilities to stimulate our imaginations.

With our **creativity** we are expressing the gifts God has given us.

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