

Reflection on Creativity  
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When you think of someone who is creative, do you automatically think of someone who draws, or paints or composes music? That is one way of looking at creativity. Not everyone, however, has these talents. Does that mean that they are not creative-Of course not!

Another way of describing Creativity is to approach a need, a task, a situation from a new perspective. Jesus did this. Jesus, in the New Testament, uses parables to teach people. A parable is a story that is simple, has an unexpected twist and a clear message. We are familiar with the many parables found in Chapter 13 of Matthew's Gospel. The sower, the mustard seed, the yeast and the treasure and the pearl are parables that we know best. Jesus asked "Have you understood all these?" They said "yes". (Mt 13:51) This was certainly a new creative way to teach life lessons.

Are we in need of parables today? How can I bring new and creative understanding to some social issues in today's world? Am I a person who can look at issues from another point of view and make it clear to someone else?

The gift of creativity—approaching a need, a situation from a new perspective, is a challenge to each. Am I willing to give up some of my own preconceived ideas to be open to a new way of thinking? Dear God help me to put on Christ and live as Jesus did.