

Creativity has the reputation of being a mysterious thing. Yet each of us creates constantly each day. We tend to assign creativity to the artist, the musician, the playwright. But creativity comes in many forms, from the way that the homemaker arranges the furniture to the way that the office worker arranges electronic folders. Every day requires creativity from each one of us, no matter our occupation, position, or role. We just don't necessarily see creativity that way. Even when we do, some days, we're up for it, and other days we're not. And some of us don't really see our role, as followers of Christ, as being particularly creative. Why are we creative? Why should we be creative? And how can we be more creative so as to make more and make better of life?



God, we know, is the creator. Indeed, the Bible tells us that God created the heavens and earth while the sons of God sang and his angels shouted for joy. God was creating to celestial celebration even before we arrived on the scene to witness the spectacular nature of his creation. The Bible also intimates that we are God's prime creation whom he made to rule with him over those very angels and sons of God. Yes, God is supremely creative, beyond all imaginable wonders. But still, God made us to be creative, too. He even filled workers with exquisite design skills to embroider his temple. The Spirit of God fills some of us to

make artistic designs honoring God. He fills the rest of us for simpler creative acts that point equally powerfully to him.

So, we stimulate our creativity by remembering that we create because our maker is creative, having made us like him. Creativity is a divine characteristic, like wisdom, preaching, administration, and prophecy. Recognizing creativity as an aspect of his glory immeasurably enriches our creative acts. We admit urgency to our creative work because through it we honor him. We do not worship God lazily. Instead, we submit our entire being to worshipful creative acts. And we become more creative when we submit our creative tasks to his honor, while reveling in him. No work is worthy apart from that which honors God. When we celebrate the divine artist and musician in each of us, we celebrate him.