

Week 12—Creativity

Read

We have all heard that curiosity killed that cat but being curious or creative is not a bad trait to have. Creativity can be a crucial ingredient to opening a door for an exciting new opportunity. For centuries hikers have had burs in their socks. But it wasn't until 1948 that Swiss mountaineer and Chemist George de Mestral got an idea; while peeling burs from his socks on a hike he realized that nature had provided us with a natural fastener. He turned that observation into a marvelous product with a million uses: Velcro (which means "velvet hooks" in French), the world's first manmade burrs. ¹

Reflect

Mark 2:22—“And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and the skins as well; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.”

If any of you needs wisdom to know what you should do, you should ask God, and he will give it to you. (James 1:5 GWT)

Respond

Have you ever considered that of all the creations of God only man creates? Animals don't create. Insects don't create. Only man has the ability to take an idea and resources and make something original, not out of instinct, but out of desire. Why? Because the Lord is creative and we are made in His image. How can God use your creativity this week to serve others and glorify Christ? Are you facing a burdensome task in your life? How can you be creative in this matter to add a new energy and freshness to it?

Curiosity is also valuable to a person. Curiosity fuels growth. What are you curious about? If you could ask God one question, what would it be?

Write your thoughts here:

Prayer Requests for yourself, your students, and others with whom you serve in ministry:

¹ Charles Panati, *Extraordinary Origins of Everyday Thing*, (Harper and Row 1987), p. 156.