

Manifesting God's Creativity

*"She makes for herself coverlets, cushions and rugs of tapestry.
Her clothing is of linen, pure white and fine and of purple
[such as that of which the clothing of the priests and the hallowed
cloth of the temple are made]." Proverbs 31:22 Amplified*



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This lady was a seamstress. We may not all be gifted in sewing; however, God created each of us, and His creativity is in all of us and manifests itself in one way or another. For years before I became a Christian I enjoyed sewing and knitting. I made some of the drapes and bedspreads for my home. I also made a nice wall clock, a couple of lamps and countless other projects. However, it was not until after I put my trust in Christ as my Savior that I realized that when God created me He was the one who put those talents in me.

After this realization I enjoyed working with my hands even more. I wanted to see what other talents God had given me. So, I started to pray that God would continue to manifest His creativity in me and through me. I was amazed and delighted to see all the ideas I started to get. It was the years of taking raw material and turning it into something beautiful for myself or others that prepared me for ministry. You see, God gave me double vision. I would see the raw material and at the same time, I would see the finished product. As a Christian, I could see in my life and marriage that there was a lot of raw material. The raw material was sin, weakness and hurt, but for the first time in my life, I had hope.

As I would daily read and obey God's Word, His amazing grace turned my life and marriage into something beautiful that glorifies Jesus. Then, God asked me to give

up sewing so that I would have more time for sowing. I gave up s-e-w-i-n-g and went into full time s-o-w-i-n-g. What a joy to sow the Word of God and the grace, love, and mercy of Jesus Christ to many lives in the U.S. and in other countries (as I teach in other churches of all different denominations)! God used the years of sewing and many other crafts to build patience, endurance, persistence and order into my life and to cause me to finish whatever I started. Not finishing things seems to be a great failing in so many of our lives. We start things, but then we never finish them. It was always so fulfilling to see that finished product, but that was small compared to the joy and fulfillment of being used by God to take the raw material of a sinner's life, sow the gospel seed into it, daily disciple that person, and then watch the power of the Holy Spirit transform their lives.

I encourage every Christian reading this, use God's creativity in you to build His kingdom into your life, into your family, and into the lives of many others.

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