

God of Creativity

God said in Genesis 1:26: “*Let us make man in **Our image**, according to **Our likeness**...*” He’s created us to be like Him and that means we have the seed of His creativity inside us. Every person on the planet is creative in some capacity, from the smallest child to the oldest man and woman.

The word ‘**creativity**’ is a noun from the base word ‘create’ and means cleverness, fertility, imagination, imaginativeness, ingenuity, inspiration, inventiveness, originality, productivity, talent.

The Bible says in James 1:17: “*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights...*” Six days of creation saw God at work in perfect creative expression. He has filled believing writers with that same creativity, so they can express it through the medium of story telling. Does that sound like a ‘good gift’ from God? It sure does to me!

In his book, *Dreaming with God*, Bill Johnson says “*creativity is a manifestation of (God’s) wisdom...*” Wisdom manifests itself in many ways: art, film, sculpture, architecture, music and so on. In Exodus 31:3-5, God filled Bezalel with His wisdom so that he could work “*all manner of workmanship*” in order to complete the temple Solomon was building.

God further “*put wisdom in the hearts of the gifted artisans...*” (v. 6), so they could assist in the temple building. What for? To show off His creativity!

God’s nature is to be creative; our nature should reflect that creativity in our writing. It should be so original and imaginative that it would inspire and move those who read it. Our stories should shine with a brilliant lustre of freshness and excellence. It should make publishers melt in their chairs and whisper, “Wow!”

When you think of it, everyone is a creator of something from the earliest age. We create imaginary worlds and characters, inventions, songs and artworks. Even before we could speak coherently, our brain was creating an imaginary language, albeit ‘baby talk’ that made no sense to others.

Writers are creative people and employ their imagination in their writing. They are creators of amazing worlds and memorable characters. Sometimes I get so attached to them in my own stories that I have to write the next scene just to find out what happens to them. They become so real that I can see and feel what is happening to them.

Created worlds and characters harmonize with whom and what writers fellowship with. What or who we fellowship with produces similar desires. When a writer communes with the Holy Spirit, they are moved by God’s wisdom and their stories reflect the gift of creativity that

God has given them. If they spend time with God, their desires line up to produce glory for Him. Desires are influenced by what or who we spend time with. For example, the more time I spend with my husband, the more our desires and thoughts meld together.

God will also give us the necessary wisdom to create profound and beautiful stories that are yet to be written to influence the world. Wisdom fills the believer's mind with fresh, original stories that bring glory to God. He also hides the best ideas for the believer who asks for them without doubting.

God speaks to us in many different ways. One of the more unusual ways I've discovered recently is through daydreaming. Often I'll sit and daydream about what my characters are going through. I picture how they are interacting with each other. It makes writing that scene so much easier.

When I was a child, I daydreamed all the time and created amazing worlds and creatures in my mind. Now, as a writer, I can finetune those worlds and creatures and include them in my fantasy adventure stories. Never discount daydreams! Through them, God has a way of revealing *your* story to *you*.

Guilt is the greatest thief of the believer's creativity. We are created in the image of God and He is creative! He placed seeds of imagination and creativity inside us. At the appropriate time, those seeds

flourish and produce after *His* kind. Let's not trample those seeds and squash the gift that God has given us, but use them to write wonderful stories that the world will fall in love with.