

Every time our family plays a game with colored pieces, I try to choose yellow. This is because I am convinced that yellow is God's favorite color. If you disagree, take a look at the next sunset, sunrise, campfire, or autumn leaf display. Yellow seems to be a large part of God's color palate. Sure, there are more colors He uses, but in His infinite creativity, yellow just seems prominent. I wonder if He paints in colors we can't even see?

Whatever God's favorite color, we can all agree that God is infinitely creative. As we look at Gen. 1, we see God creating... well, everything. And from the stars and planets to the quark, from the snail to the whale, from the dirt to humankind, God is remarkably creative. Sometimes I think He is just showing off, when I see a rainbow or a strutting peacock, or a newborn baby. In Gen. 2, we find a less scientific account of God's creation. While the first chapter lines everything up in a nice neat order (ever notice that Day 1 is light and Day 4 is the things that give light; that Day 2 is the sky and sea and Day 5 is the things that fill the sky and sea; that Day 3 is the land and Day 6 is the things that fill the land?), in the second we get more poetry. God's creativity is not just in the end result of what He makes, but in the means He uses to make them.

As we finish up looking at 9 facets of God's character, we end with one of my favorites – creativity. This is perhaps the most fun aspect of the Image of God that we get to reflect into the world around us. It is also the one that most directly leads to Him as its source. Few people stand in awe when admiring someone's loyalty, or curiosity. But we've all had that moment when some piece of art leaves us breathless. And creativity comes in so many forms. I am a terrible drawer and painter but I love to write poetry. I can sing, but never, and I mean never, ask me to dance. In high school my artistry was on the stage, never on the field. Yet all of these are areas where our creativity can be displayed.

The most obvious and the most profound pieces of art are our children. "I am fearfully and wonderfully made," the Psalmist proclaims, and holding an infant for the first time, we can't help but agree. For one famous doctor, it took nothing more than the human thumb to prove God's existence. For me it is the eyes.

The problem comes when we take the Image of God gifted to us, reflect it out into the world, and then take credit for the result as if we caused it. The arrogance of the famous is, well, famous in our culture. It truly takes wisdom to become famous for being creative and still give God the credit for it. This is the challenge for those who identify with this aspect of God's character the most. Creative in their emotions, their artistry, and their lives, these people have the hard work of constantly giving God the credit for His work through them, both as a witness and as a statement of humility.

King David is a man after my own heart. However many poems he wrote, they were powerful enough to be God's words given through a man, and to last for thousands of years. Today, every day, millions of people around the world read these poems for inspiration. David's creativity, his reflection of God's character, has impacted billions of people. This is the dream of every Christian, to be used by God this way.

What is your creative outlet? Drawing? Painting? Acting? Singing? Computer work? Wordsmithing? How are you reflecting this part of God's Image out into the world? Are you giving God the credit every time you can?