

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



IMAGINE THAT

I'm not sure when or precisely why it all started. But I would guess it was by a small child with an active imagination, a desire to make something others could enjoy and be a part of, and was supported by his or her parents. Congratulations and "Good on you!" to the local council workers and bureaucrats, who I assume turned a blind eye to this new development, which brought smiles and happy feelings into a public garden space.

I am continually amazed at the power of an active imagination, which I firmly believe is one of the beautiful gifts placed into our psyche by a great and loving God. **(Psalm 149:14)** Our minds and the ability to imagine what we may not be able to see or even fully understand helps in understanding God, his words in the Bible, the incredible uniqueness of his world, but most importantly, to have some (if only limited) understanding of his love for us. **(Ephesians 3:14 – 19)**

Our imaginations can grow excellent or bad ideas. God wants us to use the unique gift of creativity and imagination for all that is good and right according to his wishes. He expects us to imagine ways through physical actions, words and prayers to support and uplift the sad, the lonely, and anyone in need.

So you have had a "good idea", which you feel would be something God would want you to do, but you are unsure where to begin. Try talking to him about it and listening. After all, if it is an idea that would be pleasing to him, he had it first and all the planning done. Don't be afraid to share with other Jesus followers.

God is not interested in how grand the idea is. His question is, "Are you prepared to trust me to work with you to make it happen, and will it uplift and care for others and help them know me and my love for them?"

In the eyes of God, a child's idea to build a snake made of coloured rocks in a garden that will bring happiness to others through their involvement in creating something exciting and uplifting is as worthwhile as imagining how to build a rocket to put a man on the moon.

Have an exciting week filled with God's love and imaginings.

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