

The overview of creation is given in chapter one and in detail in chapter two. Before any great project is undertaken there must be a clear vision in the mind of the leader. As we will see, God had an ordered plan: **see it visualized, speak it and see it actualized.** Many times we read that 'God said' and many times 'God saw'. (The Word of God plus Holy Spirit brooding over it = Creation. This is how Christians can operate too to see great things. Speak God's Word and see what the Holy Spirit will do.) God made the heavens and earth but the earth was empty and void. Man's future home needed to be fully furnished before he could move in. God revealed much about himself in the process.

- **God is orderly**....each of the six days is different but in His planned order
- **God is personal**....man is created last and the only part of creation God communes with
- **God is practical**....each part of creation has a purpose eg. Man gets oxygen from plants, plants get carbon dioxide from man, the sun provides light and energy while the moon cleans the ocean with its tides, God provides food for every part of creation and provides mankind with many resources to use.
- **God is creative**what an amazing variety of plants and creatures, with each kind of species there are unique qualities and appearances.
- **God loves beauty**....the world is not black and white but extremely colorful and appealing to our senses such as in sunsets, waterfalls, majestic mountains etc.
- **God delegates**....God gave Adam responsibility to name the animals and the enjoyable job of tending the garden (there were no weeds or pests) Adam and Eve were told to be fruitful, multiply and have dominion over creation
- **God evaluates**.... At the end of each day of creation, God took time to inspect his work and saw it was good, but at the end of the six days, God looked over all of His creation and called it **very good.**

An important part of any job is to make sure there is evaluation of the process, progress and success of the project. If this is not done there is the cost of lost money, time, and satisfaction of the participants and the recipients of the particular task.

In my mid 20's I worked for 3 1/2 years at the corporate headquarters of Welch Foods in Westfield, NY. (the home of the concord grape region along Lake Erie). Once a year my boss called me into his office for the annual review of my work. As I recall, there were about eight different aspects to be evaluated. Two I remember were efficiency and initiative.

After an NFL football game the team looks at reruns of the game in the next days to see what worked well, what didn't and what they could do improve for the next game. In most sports, the players or teams must make mid game or mid season adjustments in order to achieve optimal success.

This same principle applies to each person in life. They should examine their life to see if corrections need to be made in various areas of their life. Sad to say, I spent several years in my life 'just drifting'. Christians should understand this, for we know that one day we will have to **give account of our life to Jesus.** While in my late 20's I was jolted into action when I read about the judgment seat of Christ as seen in 1 Corinthians 3:10-15, 2 Corinth. 5:6-10.

Now this is where it can get a bit prickly. Churches and church leaders should do the same, for there needs to be an evaluation of all aspects of the ministry. What do we need to change or improve? What is working well? Jesus was full of grace and truth as a leader.

When I was doing all kinds of evangelism in my 30's and taught others on the subject. the Lord gave me this concept: LOVE IS THE ANTISEPTIC AND TRUTH IS THE SCALPEL

People are more likely to receive truth if they see that they are loved and cared about.