

## **Strategic Values Series**

### **Placing Value on Creativity**

**Discussion Question** - Do you know someone that you thought of as creative? What do you see in them that makes them creative? What is your creativity level from 1-5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest?

### **What is creativity?**

#### **Creativity noun**

- 1:** the ability to create
- 2:** the quality of being creative

**Create** - bring (something) into existence.

#### **From Human Motivation, 3rd ed., by Robert E. Franken:**

Creativity is defined as the tendency to generate or recognize ideas, alternatives, or possibilities that may be useful in solving problems, communicating with others, and entertaining ourselves and others. (page 396)

In order to be creative, you need to be able to view things in new ways or from a different perspective. Among other things, you need to be able to generate new possibilities or new alternatives. Tests of creativity measure not only the number of alternatives that people can generate but the uniqueness of those alternatives. the ability to generate alternatives or to see things uniquely does not occur by change; it is linked to other, more fundamental qualities of thinking, such as flexibility, tolerance of ambiguity or

unpredictability, and the enjoyment of things heretofore unknown. (page 394)

### **Did Thomas Edison invent/create the light bulb?**

Actually it was invented in 1802 by British scientist Sir Humphrey Davy who connected it to a battery he recently invented. Edison took it and made it better.

### **1. God Values Creativity - Taking a Look at THE Creator**

#### **Creator of the Heavens**

**Isaiah 40:26**

#### **All Things Created Through Him and For Him**

**Colossians 1:16**

#### **God Created Satan**

**Ezekiel 28:15**

### **2. The Purpose of Creation**

#### **Creation Centers Around People**

**Isaiah 45:18**

#### **God Knows Your Name**

**Isaiah 43:1**

Redeem - bring value back

#### **God Is Personally Involved In You**

**Psalms 139:13-14**

**Not Valuing the Creator Leads to Not Valuing Yourself and Others**

**Romans 1:20-24**

### **3. God's Creative Work In Man**

**Change of Heart**

**Psalm 51:10**

**You Are a Product of God's Handiwork**

**Ephesians 2:10**

**A New Creation**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

### **4. Partnering With God Through our God Given Creativity**

**The Ability to Create Comes From God**

**Exodus 36:1**

**Partnering With God in the Making of a New Creation**

**2 Corinthians 5:18-21**

**Thinking Right About Yourself**

**Romans 12:3**

**One Body With Many Members But Different Gifts**

**Romans 12:4-6**

**Then Use Your Gift**

**Romans 12:6**

**God Is Not Done Creating**

**Isaiah 65:17**

**Find a need**

**And fill it.**

**Find a hurt**

**And heal it.**