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For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

Thought for today...

"Don't waste that!" You've no doubt heard someone say that, or indeed said it yourself. Perhaps the thing being referenced was edible, or maybe an object - whatever the item, it was likely deemed of no further use or value by the person making the decision to discard it.

It may come as a surprise then, that someone else sees beauty or value in it, or perhaps has the vision to see how the item might be used differently if reshaped, altered or lovingly restored. As the saying goes "One man's waste is another man's treasure."

There may be times in our lives when we feel like an item that has been, or should be discarded! We may feel that we are past our best, or have no use or value.

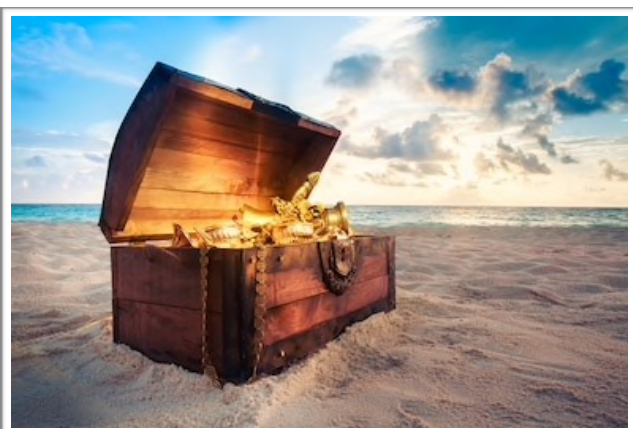
Genesis 1:27 reminds us that '...God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.' (NIV)



If it is true that God created us in His own image - and I contend that it is true - then I am convinced that He would not create anything that is without beauty, value or purpose.

Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. Ephesians 1:4 (NLT)

'You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.' Psalm 139:16(NLT)



Luke 12:7 tells us that '...even the hairs of your head are all numbered...'

These verses demonstrate to me that our lives are not accidental. We were created intentionally, with value and for a purpose!

Perhaps you feel that your life has been wasted? God wastes nothing and He can take the ashes of your life and create something beautiful from them. (Isaiah 61:3)

Maybe you are asking "Why am I here, what's the point?" If so, God wants you to know that He has chosen you - despite your last mistake, race, age, ability, health condition or station in life.

You did not choose me. I chose you and sent you out to produce fruit, the kind of fruit that will last. Then my Father will give you whatever you ask for in my name.

John 15:16 (Contemporary English Version)