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THE BEAUTY OF FALL COLORS

During spring and summer in the northern hemisphere, tree leaves bud and sprout, becoming a luxurious green in the warmth of the middle of the year. But as autumn begins, leaves turn color, becoming the glorious shades of gold, yellow, red, and orange we often see at Thanksgiving. What many people don't know is that the leaves were always secretly gold, yellow, red, and orange. During the long-daylight months of spring and summer, the trees were producing chlorophyll and lots of green pigment, which masked the other colors. When the sun is up fewer hours, the chlorophyll breaks down and there is no longer enough green pigment to hide the leaves' true colors.

THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S WORKMANSHIP

Paul tells the Christians in Ephesus that they are creations hand-crafted by God for specific purposes. Like the handiwork of a master craftsman, believers are beautiful in their own right. But God hasn't created, called, and justified us simply to be admired but rather to be useful to him in the good works that he has prepared for us to do. We find our meaning when we are used by God to do his will on earth.

1. What is your favorite autumn memory?
2. What are your plans for Thanksgiving?
3. In what ways are you a masterpiece? In what ways are you a trusty tool for the Lord?

Additional Resources

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