

For your enjoyment..

Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in **the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.** (1 Timothy 6:17 NKJV)

We are all quick to quote the first part of this verse.. We are quick to understand that we must never ever make an idol of things of this world and put it above God but it's funny that I have never heard anyone quoting the second part.. " the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy."

God gives to us to enjoy.. the tastes of food, the beauty of nature, the laughter of friends, the touch of a loved one, the warm feeling of sharing a good movie with your family, the welcome of a familiar smell, the fun of hiking, the excitement of a good book, the sensations inside as you look at a beautiful painting, all of these things were given to us by God to enjoy.. Not to cast aside and call it "worldly and fleshly", we miss the big picture when we do this..

Everything was created by God for us.. To enjoy through knowing Him.. Why ?.. Because seeing a beautiful sunset reminds us of the glory of God, seeing the innocent smile of a child reminds us of the Fatherhood of God, tasting amazing food reminds us of the provision of God, seeing a beautiful work of art reminds us of the splendor of God, holding a loved one in a passionate embrace reminds us of the love of God..

Do not become so caught up in "being spiritual" that you miss the true spiritual experience, discovering God everywhere you go.

The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.
(Psalms 19:1 NKJV)

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
(1 Corinthians 10:31 NKJV)

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end. I know that nothing *is* better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor—it *is* the gift of God. I know that whatever God does, It shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, And nothing taken from it. God does *it*, that men should fear before Him. (Ecclesiastes 3:11-14 NKJV)

Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. (James 1:16-17 NKJV)