

# DEVOTIONAL 1

## Genesis 1:31

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*And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. – GENESIS 1:31*

A long time ago, in a far off country, a young man with a passion for art and sculpture began to work at his craft. His name was Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni, more simply known as Michelangelo. He created some of the most beautiful paintings, sculptures and architecture that the world has ever seen.

Even today, his work is exquisite. There is widespread recognition of the value of Michelangelo's art. Thousands of people take time and energy to see his work. Countless funds are spent to restore his artwork and keep it in such a way that future generations can also enjoy it.

There is artwork all around us as well. There is the achingly-blue sky of a crisp winter day, the orange and red flames of sugar maples in autumn, the soft smoothness of a baby's skin, and the music of waves rocking back and forth over smooth pebbles on the beach.

Who created these works of art? God, the LORD, the Maker of the Universe. He created each of these beautiful works for His and our enjoyment. They are very good, each and every one of them. And we know this because He told us so.

Those who love Michelangelo's work are willing to spend a great deal of time and effort caring for it to ensure future generations can enjoy it. They want their children and grandchildren to be able to enjoy his brilliance, his tremendous abilities with paint and with stone.

If we love God and His handiwork, we have the same opportunity when it comes to creation. Just as a work of art is preserved, how can we tend to the creation God has entrusted us – the people, resources and land, as well as the environment as a whole?

Let's work to keep the beauty of creation in a "good" state, so that our descendants can enjoy God's brilliance as we have.