

***Awaken Your Creativity***  
***Hearing “yes” in the Midst of a Multitude of “no’s”***  
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**Introduction**

- Romans 12:2
- Creativity and God

**What went wrong between kindergarten and adulthood?**

- Robert Fulghum and the kindergarten class
- What happened to the YES?
- Ten ways to restore a spirit of innocence
  - Inhale the contents of a helium balloon
  - Climb a tree
  - Fly a kite
  - Hang by your knees
  - Swing as high as you can
  - Spin until dizzy
  - Take a different route to school or work
  - Have dinner at the 7th restaurant in the yellow pages
  - Ask the 5th person you talk to at work (or this convention) to lunch
- Fear is a terrible drainer of the imagination
  - Fear of \_\_\_\_\_
    - QWERTYUIOP
  - Not enough \_\_\_\_\_
  - Not enough \_\_\_\_\_

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (God can breathe new life into dead bones)

**Our Amazing Brain**

## Qualities of a Creative Person:

- Enlists other people (Diversity)
  - Michelangelo
  - The Medici family
  
- Searches for more than one question
  - Edward Jenner,
  - Railroads
  
- Searches for more than one answer
  - Dick Fosbury
  
- Copies and adapts
  - Shel Silverstein “The Little Blue Engine”
  - Adapting things from nature
    - Helicopters - \_\_\_\_\_
    - Hypodermic needles - \_\_\_\_\_
    - Sonar - \_\_\_\_\_
    - Anesthesia - \_\_\_\_\_
    - Snowshoes - \_\_\_\_\_
    - Airplanes - \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Knows the time of day and location when their creativity is at its peak
  
- Willing to fail
  - Thomas Edison
  - Famous Failures video (BlueFish)
  
- Sense of humor
  - Southwest Airlines
  - Ben and Jerry’s Ice Cream
  
- Combines to unrelated items to make something new
  - Guttenberg
  - Picasso

If you are going to \_\_\_\_\_ something you must \_\_\_\_\_ something  
**Catalysts For Creativity (You can trick your brain)**

- Play
  - Proverbs 17:22
  
- Environment
  
- Everyday Objects and Experiences (See what you are not looking for)
  - Jungle Boat Ride at Disneyland
  - FedEx
  
- Sleep on it

### **Micro Movements**

- Hebrews 12:1b
- Coulda, Woulda, Shoulda

### **QUICK QUESTION BOOKS BY LES CHRISTIE**

- *What if...*
- *Have you ever...*
- *Unfinished Sentences*
- *Gimme Five...*

### **OTHER BOOKS BY LES CHRISTIE**

- *When Church Kids Go Bad: How to Love and Work with Rude, Obnoxious and Apathetic Students*
- *Best-Ever games for Youth Ministry*

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