

# THE *Big 3*

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TITLE: Why Artists Need to Shape the Identity of the Church

If we can learn anything about God's character from looking at the world around us, it is that he is creative, diverse, and fascinated with detail and beauty.

Here are three key things to believe and consider about art and your engagement...

- **Head - Stop dividing the world into sacred/secular.** As Christians, we affirm Christ's lordship over *all* of life. God created one world and called it blessed. 1 Timothy 4:4-5 says that *everything* created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.
- **Heart - You are fully known and loved... exactly as you are.** So you can let your redemption show. We get to live into this. God does not only love a future version of ourselves, but he loves us as we are... right here... right now... When we are free to be who we truly are (flaws and all) Christ appears more beautiful as the Savior.
- **Hands - Practice seeing the entirety of our lives as God sees it.** The word Holy is the root word for which we get our word "Whole" or "Wholeness". Either God is the creator of the whole man and universe and reality and existence, or he is God of none of it. Even more specifically... either Christ has redeemed the whole man (including the sin) or none of him. And so either our whole lives fall under the Lordship of Jesus or no part can.

*"The biblical message is not just about some isolated part of life labeled 'religion' or 'church life.' Creation, Fall, and Redemption are cosmic in scope, describing the great events that shape the nature of all created reality. We don't need to accept an inner fragmentation between our faith and the rest of life. ... The promise of Christianity is the joy and power of an integrated life, transformed on every level by the Holy Spirit, so that our whole being participates in the great drama of God's plan of redemption."*

*~ Nancy Pearcey. Total Truth*

In light of today's topics, you might find these posts and videos helpful:

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