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GIFTS FROM GOD

We step out of our homes and it starts to rain. On our short trip to the store we come to an area of construction and sit there for what seems to be forever until we can be on our way again. We finally make it to the store and wind up driving around for 5 more minutes waiting for a parking spot. And to top it all off the only news on the radio is a bunch of political squabbling and the music stations are either all in eternal commercial breaks or not playing anything we want to hear. Frustrating!

It seems like human nature to focus on all the events happening around us that aren't what suit us at the time. It's easy for our minds to get bogged down in, what we perceive as, negative situations. What we forget and miss though are all of the miraculous, wondrous gifts that are happening all around us!

Coming in to the office this morning I was slowed down by traffic. Of course, I was in a hurry because we had a recording session that started at 10am and I had a list as long as my arm of "things & stuff" I needed to accomplish before the session. I realized I was going down the road of negativity and allowing those thoughts to influence the rest of my day.

At that moment I looked at the field across from where I was being delayed. Soaring, effortlessly and peacefully, were several hawks. They were in no hurry and reminded me that a delay of five minutes or so wasn't going to cause me to not accomplish the tasks I needed to do before the recording session. A reminder that the gifts of God are constantly happening around us!

I made it to the office and, indeed, I got everything done, with

time to spare, before the session. I even had the time to take a little walk around outside where I was bathed in the peacefulness of the beautiful blue sky filled with clouds. Birds were singing and the trees stood tall reminding me they didn't have a care in the world!

The session was fun! We had some different music to record than we normally have and the songs gave the musicians the opportunity to be creative and actually enjoy what normally is "work for pay"! I realized what a wonderful gift from God music is and how many kinds of music there are. I also realized that music, pretty much no matter what genre, can be and is a Spiritual experience if we allow it to be.

We normally get so involved in our lives that we miss the miracles and gifts of God that are continually happening all around us. We allow events to be the controlling factors instead of loving and appreciating the miracle of life itself! Events in our lives will pass--whether we see them as good or bad but the gifts of God are eternal!

I would hope that each and every one of us, right now, will take a few minutes to notice the awesome ongoing creation all around us. The simple things that bring us into focus with the greatest gift of all--LIFE itself! God made life to be fun, exciting, peaceful, loving and wonderful! Something for us to LIVE and experience not to miss by focusing on the little things

that very well might ruin our days if we allow them to!

I mean this with all my heart--HAVE A GREAT DAY! And the way we do that is by recognizing the miraculous and wonderful creation all around us!

God bless-- All my best-- Chip