

Bible Scripture Art

He has filled them with skill to do all manner of work ... those who do every work and those who design artistic works.

Exodus 35:35

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The Heart Speaks

Welcome to Project 3!

Welcome to project 3 of Bible Scripture Art! Creating is a very God-like activity. In the very first book of the Bible we read God created the earth and filled it with wondrous things; the works of His hands. After gazing upon His creation He pronounced them very good.

Bible Scripture Art combines the joy of creating with the joy of studying God's Holy Word. You will experience God's Word in a new way as you interact with Scripture through drawing, writing, coloring and painting. The possibilities are as deep as God's Word. Get ready to release your inner artist and breath new life into your time with God.

Materials List:

Canson Watercolor paper (cold press)

Royal & Langnickel brushes (size 14, and 20 flat, size 10 round)

Lyra 24 Watercolor (warning color names are in German, so brush up on your Deutsch)

Reeves water colour pencils (I use the 24 artist colours)

White Crayola crayon (As a teacher, I prefer crayola)

Watercolor paper



Brushes



Watercolors



Water colour pencils



Please start your Bible Scripture Art time today with prayer. Ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit and to reveal the truth of His word to you today as you create with His Word.

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I am excited for our study time today; our passage is rich with meaning. Please read Luke 6:43-45.

What makes a good tree *good* and a bad tree *bad*?

Trees are classified by good or bad fruit. The Greek word for *bad* means *rotten*. Have you bitten into what looked like a delicious, sweet, crunchy apple only to have it turn to mush in your mouth? Uggh! The fruit of the bad tree is not only bad, it's rotten! It can make others sick. Rottenness comes from death, and death is the result of sin. Bad fruit, therefore, is the result of bad choices.

While it may seem verse 45 does not fit with verses 43 and 44, there is an important connection.

While trees are known by their fruit, what are people known by (verse 45)?

As trees are known by their fruit, people are known by their words.

What does a good man/woman store in his/her heart?

Treasure transliterates from the Greek as *thesauros*, which means a place where good and precious things are collected and laid up.

Why do people save things?

To remember certain events or they plan to use the memento again in the future.

Interestingly and chillingly, *thesauros* also means a casket. What inferences can we draw from the definitions of *thesauros*?

We have a choice; we can either fill our heart with good precious things that will continually speak life into our thoughts, words and deeds, or we can fill our heart with dead things that will continually speak death into our thoughts,

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Verse 45 tells us our words from the abundance of the heart. *Perisseuma*, the Greek word used for abundance in this portion of Scripture, means that in which one delights; that which fills the heart; residue, that which remains. Whatever we delight in, good or bad, godly or evil, will fill our heart and spill out on our tongue.

How can we ensure we will speak good things from the treasury of our heart?

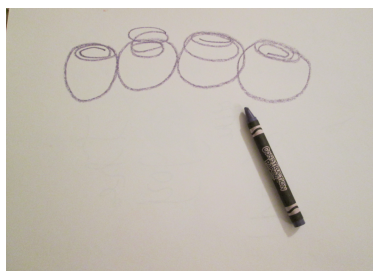
*"Thy word I have hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee."
Psalm 119:11*

"Fix these words of Mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads." Deuteronomy 6:8

By fixing His Word in our heart.

Thank you for joining me for Bible study today. Let's get ready to do our project!

1. First, prepare your paper by wetting the bottom 3/4's with water using the size 20 flat brush.
2. After you have wet your paper, choose two or three watercolors, and using your size 14 flat brush, stroke them on your wet watercolor paper as a light background. Or, dab the colors on and watch them blend together. Our goal is very diluted color. Avoid the top 1/4 of the paper.
3. While you wait for the background to dry (you can use a hairdryer to speed the process), draw the roses on the top of your paper with your white crayon. (I'm using a black crayon so you can see what I am doing.)



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4. Now, with the size 14 flat brush, wet the first and third roses individually. Wet a little bit beyond the outside borders of each flower. Add color to flowers one and three (use round brush). I like to dab a little bit of darker color to the center of each flower to add a little depth.

5. While waiting for flowers one and three to dry, we will add the heart to the bottom third of the paper. Do not rewet your paper, just wet your brush (size 14 flat) and paint the heart. Don't worry about perfection, God is perfect! Cover hard edges in the heart with a wet brush to smooth them a little.



6. While the heart is drying, go back up and wet flowers two and four with the flat brush and paint them.

7. Take a few minutes to plan how you will place the Bible verse on the paper. You can boldly and freely write the verse, or use a certain style of writing. I chose to super-size a few key words in my verse and use a stylized form of script. The choice is yours.



8. Choose your watercolor pencil colors and write your Bible verse in the space between roses and heart. Dip the watercolor pencils in water before writing on the paper. **Leave some space between the verse and the heart for the next step.**

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9. Finally, make a list of the kinds of things we should be storing in our heart (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, etc.). Using watercolor pencils dipped in water, add the words in the heart, rising out of the heart and *floating* above the heart.



10. Let your beautiful picture lay flat to dry, and enjoy with your Father in heaven!

Tips:

1. Keep paper towel handy to soak up *mistakes* or excess paint.
2. Keep a scrap piece of water color paper handy to test color from your brush before adding it to your painting.
3. Don't worry over mistakes. Sometimes I walk away from a painting, certain I have ruined it, only to return and find that God has made it beautiful!

Have a blessed day!

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