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CS Lewis

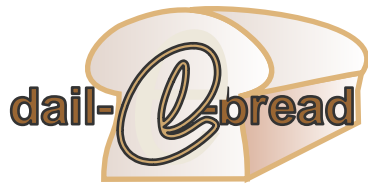
Reading “Mere Christianity” through a second time I am disposed to just quote CS Lewis. He has a disarming, but sometimes uncomfortably condescending manner and a penchant for using British idioms when he philosophizes. I like the style and it forces me to worry about several things at the same time, like multitasking: making sense of the idioms, and making sense of his philosophizing. But, it makes me comfortable, since if I am not multitasking, or trying to, then I feel like I am wasting time. (I did hear a blurb on NPR that says multitasking is not effective working, and I guess I would agree, BUT if you are like I am and find that focusing on any ONE thing for more than about 30 seconds, is 15 seconds too long, then multitasking provides a perfect way to work efficiently with a fractious attention span). So I sit at the table, eat dinner while I read CS Lewis--, trying to contemplate the eternal and still enjoy struggling to separate a new puppy with the established household and well into the “old” stage dog without ruffling any fur, avoid spilling my food, and being grateful for a minute to reflect on God. So that’s somehow not too much to do at once, and each sentence that Lewis writes, I can think about, mull over and laugh at a little, regarding his examples, and then think about the deeper meanings. As one would expect, I don’t always agree with him, make sort of slow progress to the end of the book, but I do consider that much of what he reasons out has value for me, and my thinking about it in his way improves my own thinking. An example would be this excerpt from his chapter “lets pretend”. It’s a concept that certainly works, and I have seen it work very well, and behaviourists would probably label it something like “positive reinforcement”. Here I quote him: “ May I once again start by painting two pictures, or two stories rather, into your minds? One is the story you have all read called “beauty and the beast”. The girl, you remember, had to marry the monster for some

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reason. And she did. She kissed it as if it were a man. And then much to her relief it really turned into a man and much to her relief all went well. The other story is about someone who had to wear a mask; a mask which made him look much nicer than he really was. He had to wear it for years. And when he took it off he found his own face had grown to fit it. He was now really beautiful. What had begun as a disguise had become a reality. I think both of these stories (in a fanciful way, of course) help to illustrate what I have to say in this chapter.” Robert Schuller provides the same philosophy in 9 words - THE ME I SEE IS THE ME I WILL BE. By seeing ourselves as “covered” by Yeshua, gives us the opportunity to



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I suspect that I am the only one who reads these little quips. It gives me peace.

"Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God"

- 1 live to the LORD
- 2 live because of the Father
- 3 live self-controlled
- 4 live uprightly
- 5 live for righteousness

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A special request for rectangular format and station numbers, the stations of the cross were redone. These 16 patterns have been given to two youth groups. I can't wait to see pictures of their projects.



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New stained glass,
head tile and
counted cross stitch
patterns

