



Dear Friends,

I found this little parable on the Internet. As you read through this parable, I pray that you will come to see how it relates to each one of us. That when we put our trust in Jesus, and rely on his guidance throughout our lives, then, we will become the people God created us to be.

Parable of The Pencil

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box. "There are 5 things you need to know," he told the pencil, "Before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget and you will become the best pencil you can be."

One : "You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand."

Two : "You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil."

Three : "You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make."

Four : "The most important part of you will always be what's inside."

And Five : "On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write."

The pencil understood and promised to remember and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

Now replacing the place of the pencil with YOU. Always remember them and never forget and you will become the best person you can be.

One : "You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand. And allow other human beings to access you for the many gifts you possess."

Two : "You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems in life, but you'll need it to become a stronger person."

Three : "You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make."

Four : "The most important part of you will always be what's on the inside."

And Five : "On every surface you walk through, you must leave your mark. No matter what the situation, you must continue to do your duties."

Allow this parable on the pencil, to encourage you, to know that you are a special person, and only you can fulfill the purpose to which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot make a change.

May we make this hymn our prayer, as we reconsecrate ourselves, to the One who loves us so much that he sent his Son, to die on the cross that we might live. And, to God be the Glory.

Grace and Peace

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[Take My Life and Let it Be \(Tune: Mozart/Nottingham - 6vv\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] - Bing video](#)

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose,
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.