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GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD (with mat #3)

What if you could take away the spines of the desert cactus so that cattle could use it for food? Or take the thorns off blackberry bushes so that they would not cut your fingers? What if you developed a plum without a big seed, strawberries that ripened all year long, and walnuts with very thin shells? If you could do these things, you would do them as quickly as possible, wouldn't you?

Luther Burbank did all those things besides making potatoes grow larger, whiter, and more delicious in taste. For 50 years, Luther Burbank pattered in his garden, watching his plants as if they were children. To him, each plant had its own promise, its own genius, or character that could be tended and encouraged to be more useful and beautiful each year.

The fragrance of today's daisies, lilies, and dahlias is the result of his love and study of flowers. Many fruits and flowers that had never grown before are ours because this wonderful man understood one of God's great secrets. What is that secret? That every living thing has the power to become greater than it is.

This is also true of each one of us. God's word tells us to watch and pray! It says to "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." (Prov. 4:23)

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THANKS FOR SUMMER By Enola Chamberlin

Thank you, God, for summer,
Thank you for the days
That come and go so brightly,
Thank you for the ways
In which I spend vacation.
Thanks for picnics, play and fun.
Thanks for moons that light the nighttime.
Thanks for daytime warmth of sun.

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