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What Wasn't Good In the Garden?

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Can you think of something that was not good that God created? It seems like a trick question at first if you look back to Genesis 1:31 it says that "...everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good." But, if you turn over to Genesis 2:18, we find God saying, "It is not good that man should be alone." So, the answer to the question of what wasn't good in the Garden was the fact that Adam was alone. What does that teach us?

First, it teaches us that we who are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27) were intended to be relational. The beauty of the created world and Universe is not what makes us complete. The wonderfully crafted animals and plant life that we enjoy are not what we were created to fulfill our deepest needs. No amount of worldly possessions can truly satisfy the desires of the human heart. Relationships are what we are made for.

Next, it teaches us that the second highest priority and relationship we were created to enjoy was with a spouse. The first being our relationship with God (Ecclesiastes 12:13) which is our "all". That means that this relationship between a man and a woman must be the one that gets our most attention. Why? Because it is what turned that which was "good" into that which was "very good".

There is nothing necessarily wrong with having other interests. There is nothing wrong with having good friends and enjoying spending time with them. But, what is wrong, is when those interests interfere with what God called "very good". If you want to make God happy, obey Him, and then love your spouse. If you do those two things, God will be pleased and it will show Him that we too believe the greatest physical blessing that God has bestowed on us in "our better (very good) half".