

BENDS ONLY, NOT THE END

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Life is always in the forward gear until the end
All problems are necessary bends;
Without bitterness, sweetness has less contents
Without stormy weather, the bright sunshine is just a blank.

Add 'b' to 'end', and we have 'bend'
That 'curve or sharp' bend necessary to slow us
To be safe & have adequate rest
Or burn out & suffer before the 'end'.

Add 'f' to 'end' and we have 'fend'
That mandatory personal self-effort
To move against laziness & dependence on others & parents
And be self-supporting; inspiring others likewise.

Add 'l' to 'end' and we have 'lend'
It is good if we could lend or help the poor,
Instead of borrowing from others;
As helping the poor is lending to the Lord.

Add 'm' to 'end' and we have 'mend'
That sincere & loving efforts to mend our ways
To be better & humbler
And to be exemplary for others.

Add 'r' to end and we have 'rend'
To pull asunder or tear apart everything wrong
Both within or without;
Daring to speak & fight for the rights of the poor & underprivileged.

Add 's' to end and we have 'send'
The art of relaying & sending good inspirations
To all our friends, even financial support for genuine needy
Especially for kids, so that they could have a good future.

Add 't' to 'end' and we have 'tend'
That tender touch to tend to whatever we have
With simplicity & purity
So that we have less complication & difficulties.

Add 'v' to 'end' and we have 'vend'
That ability to provide, like a vending machine
For ourselves & loved ones
Through prudent sufficient savings rather than to be dependent on others.

A Note by the Author:

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NB: Mark Chua, my associate from EASB suggested (he was seated next to me on the plane, the very 1st person to see my draft as I penned on the plane) that when I add 'Fri' to the 'end', we have 'friend'. Indeed so. Let 'Friday' be the day for us to take time to enjoy quality time with friends (our progenies are our friends as well, as in some families they are not so). It is the start of the weekend. We need rest. We need replenishment of warmth & inspiration.



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