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*Our Lives Under Construction Returns  
A series on building healthy relationships in our marriages,   
our homes, our workplaces, our friends, and our world!*

*“Finishing Touches – Getting Ready for Guests” Part 7 – Interior/Landscaping*

***“Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you   
will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”* Philippians 1:6**

***So…remember…***

# **I was created to be in …**

***“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” “The LORD God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.’”* Genesis 1:27, 2:18**

1. I am created in God’s .

***“So God created man in his own image…”* Genesis 1:27a**

1. I am created to be in with God.

***“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”* John 15:13**

***“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”* Mark 12:30**

1. I am created to be in relationship with .

***“The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”* Mark 12:31**

*“We don’t always live what we profess,   
but we always live what we believe.”* –Wilson *(1995)*

1. **What I think will what I do…**

***“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”* Romans 12:2 NLT**

1. To change my actions, I must know the .

***“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”* John 8:32**

1. To change my thinking, I must change my   
    system.

***“He went on: ‘What comes out of a man is what makes him ‘unclean.’ For from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.’”* Mark 7:20-22**

1. To change my actions, I must change my .

***“The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.”* Luke 6:45**

1. **God is the of boundaries in relationships…**

***“And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.’”* Genesis 2:16-17**

1. Healthy boundaries bring , security, order, and freedom.

***“It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.”* Psalm 74:17**

1. Healthy boundaries take for responsibility.

***“‘Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?’ The man said, ‘The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.’” Genesis 3:11b-12***

1. Healthy boundaries take for my choices.

***“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”* Luke 15:21**

*“To forgive is to set a prisoner free and*

*discover that the prisoner was you.”* – Lewis B. Smedes

1. **When I let go of my past…forgiving and being forgiven…I am to develop healthy relationships…**

***“He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”*Psalm 103:10-12**

1. Accepting God’s unconditional love brings complete from all my past.

***“Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sins the Lord will never count against him.”* Romans 4:7-8**

1. When I God’s forgiveness, I must forgive myself as well.

***“Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord’- and you forgave the guilt of my sin.”* Psalm 32:5**

1. When I accept God’s forgiveness, I must extend forgiveness to those who have me.

***“and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.”* Matthew 6:12**

Healthy relationships with God and with others are a growing process of learning and changing!

***“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”* Matthew 11:29-30**

***“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it,”*2 Timothy 3:14**

***“Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.***

***I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”*Philippians 4:9-12**

***“and find out what pleases the Lord.”* Ephesians 5:10**