

**Imago Dei**  
**Part VI; June 27, 2010**  
**“Finishing Touches”**

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- Galatians 2: 11 - 16

**The Problem with thinking we are “Finished”:**

We \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves to others

We become \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

We stop \_\_\_\_\_

We \_\_\_\_\_

We close ourselves off to \_\_\_\_\_

**How do we keep an “Unfinished” spirit:**

1. Take \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ self assessments

“O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me...Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.”

- Ps 139: 1 + 23 - 24 (NLT)

2. Never \_\_\_\_\_ our sin.

“But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.”

- Galatians 2: 12 - 13

3. Admit that we are “\_\_\_\_\_”

“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.”

- Philippians 1: 6 (NLT)

**God’s Not Finished With Me Yet!**

4. Create \_\_\_\_\_ in your life

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- Galatians 2: 1

“So watch yourselves. ‘If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.’”

- Luke 17: 3

5. Keep our eyes on \_\_\_\_\_

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” - Hebrews 12: 2 - 3

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### The Problem with thinking we are “Finished”:

We **Compare** ourselves to others

We become **Prideful** & **Arrogant**

We stop **Learning**

We **take life for granted**

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