

Building your life around LOVE makes sense.

Love ↔ Link 1 = Love ↔ DESIGN:

• You were **DESIGNED (D)** to love and be loved. • Believe it!

THE TRUTH ABOUT YOUR DESIGN: • Since love is a choice, it takes thought and work, but nothing is more rewarding than learning to love in the right way. Mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually, everyone can be loved and learn to love. Love is central to who we are and who we want to become. • Your design is one of a kind. No one else will ever be exactly like you, so your love will always be special. Your unique DNA, and your precious soul, began at conception. They can never be duplicated. Your DNA will end at death, but your soul will live on, so knowing God personally is a good thing to do. • Your choices matter. What you decide to do with your design is up to you. Learning to love and allowing yourself to be loved are good choices and lifelong tasks. These are choices worth pursuing. • Knowing your design, and the different designs of others, is a great place to begin in building loving and trusting relationships. All designs are good, but not all choices are good. Knowing your design helps you accept and love others regardless of their acceptance of yourself. • Genuine love never demands a response. • You were **DESIGNED (D)** to love and be loved. • Knowing your design can impact all areas of your life in a positive way. **Believe it!**

TAKE ACTION: Accepting your design potentials and limits is a first step to linking love with your design. Making the most of your potentials and limits is a second step. Comparing yourself with others is seldom beneficial, and often leads to discouragement. Don't do it! If you were like them, then you would not be you! The world needs you; that is why God created you just like you are. Learning your design can help you be content with how you are made. **You can change your beliefs!**

LIES: You are a mistake. If you were made differently, life would be better. *Don't believe them!*

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ACTIONS for
GROWTH

① **Make a list** of the things that you do not like about yourself. ② Put "A" by those you must "Accept" (things that you cannot change), "C" by those you can "Change", and a "☹" (frown face) by those where you are "comparing" yourself with others and wanting to be them instead of yourself. ③ Put "U" by those things about yourself that are "Unique" – things that make you "one-of-a-kind", and thank God for his design. Appreciate differences; do not envy them. ④ **Make a list** of "actions" you can take for every "C" item. Keep learning about your design - mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually. ⑤ Track your progress; **check** (✓) the items where you are "learning to be content" with how you are made. You are *not* a mistake, so enjoy your design.

Learn to be content with how you are made.

HOW & WHY IT WORKS: • Our design should be our primary source of significance; we are significant because God designed us. • Our design is a major element of our **Behavioral-Self**; knowing our design helps understand how we affect others and how they affect us. • Our design is part of God-the-Father's image in our lives, which helps us understand our completeness from his perspective. • Linking our **DESIGN (D)** to God's love helps us accept ourselves and others, and excel in whatever choices we make with that design. • We do not have to change our design to be loved by God. True love is always undeserved and free. Love, to be love, must be free to love; it can never be demanded or forced. • **DESIGN (D)** is our *God-Image Element*® #1.

