“a time to break down.” (Eccl. 3:3) Probably most of us don’t like to think about a “breakdown.” But there is a time when certain things must be destroyed. Why? Because they have outlived their usefulness or getting in the way of progress.

In our area there has been a major construction on new highway project that has lasted a long time. In order for the project to proceed and to accomplish its purpose, many things have had to be destroyed. We have seen buildings, one of several stories high, that have been demolished to make way for the new project. One day they were in use and the next day they were hauled away as rubbish.

Just as there are structures that must be broken down to make way for improvements, the same is also true in the spiritual realm. We need to break down attributes of avarice, envy, anger, etc. Paul wrote, “Put to death …fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry; for which things’ sake cometh the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience… anger, wrath, malice, railing, shameful speaking out of your mouth: lie not one to another; seeing that ye have put off the old man with his doings, and have put on the new man, that is being renewed unto knowledge after the image of him that created him:” But something must replace that which is broken down. “Put on therefore, as God’s elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving each other…and above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness.”

(Excerpts from Col 3:5-14)