

## **Perfectly Imperfect**

### **Ready:**

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” -- Matthew 5:48

### **Set**

I need to coach this team to a winning season, or I will lose my job. If I miss this field goal, game over. I need at least 10 points tonight or Coach will be mad.

Every competitor has expectations. If you fail, circumstantial consequences exist alongside discouragement, feeling like a failure and the temptation to give up. We think, “I need to earn my place,” or “I need good results to feel good about myself and be accepted.” And no matter how hard we try, we still fall short somewhere along the way.

Jesus tells us to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. Have we met that expectation? Absolutely not! We have all fallen short ([Romans 3:23](#)). Yet, nothing we do can earn God’s love and grace for us. Because of our imperfections (sins), our consequence is hell; yet because of Christ’s death and resurrection, hell can be erased from our destiny.

We will continue to fall short with God and man. But rather than letting the outcomes of your pursuits drive your perspective and attitude, live constantly from God’s truth of Who He is and who you are in Him, trusting that His plans are best.

Strive to meet the expectations upon you faithfully and obediently, but within God’s grace. This releases the pressure to be perfect (fear of failure) and gives you motivation to keep going when you do mess up. Embrace the grace, you are perfectly imperfect.

### **Go**

- Do you live in fear of always trying to be perfect in meeting certain expectations?
- Do you seek God first when adversity comes your way in life or competition?

### **Workout**

[2 Corinthians 12:7-10](#)

[Philippians 3:7-16](#)

### **Overtime**

“Father, help me live out of Your love for me rather than fear of trying to earn the approval of You and men. Amen.”



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