

Liberating Grace

Galatians 3:3 (NCV)

"You began your life in Christ by the Spirit. Now are you trying to make it complete by your own power? That is foolish." Galatians 2:3 (NCV)

HOW PERFECTIONISM HARMS

■ IT DEFEATS MY INITIATIVE.

"If you wait for perfect conditions, you'll never get anything done." Eccl. 11:4 (LB)

■ IT DAMAGES MY RELATIONSHIPS

"Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends." Prov. 17:9 (LB)

■ IT DESTROYS MY HAPPINESS.

"Do not be too righteous, and do not act too wise; why should you destroy yourself?" Eccl. 7:16 (NRSV)

HOW TO R.E.L.A.X. IN GOD'S GRACE

REALIZE NOBODY'S PERFECT.

"Nothing is perfect except (God's) Word." Ps. 119:96 (LB)

"There is no one on earth who does what is right all the time and never makes a mistake." Eccl. 7:20 (GN)

ENJOY GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE.

"See how very much our Heavenly Father loves us, for He allows us to be called His children -- think of it -- and we really are!" 1 John 3:1 (LB)

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31 (NIV)

LET GOD HANDLE THINGS.

"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

"A relaxed attitude lengthens a man's life." Prov. 14:30 (LB)

ACT WITH FAITH.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith..." Eph. 2:8 (NIV)

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him." Col. 2:6 (NIV)

EXCHANGE MY PERFECTIONISM FOR GOD'S PEACE

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to Me. Get away with Me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest... Learn the unforced rhythms of grace." Matt. 11:28-29 (Msg)

"Be careful that no one fails to receive God's grace..." Heb. 12:15 (NCV)