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ABSOLUTE PERFECTION

If something is classified as perfect it would not contain anything defective; would be complete. As hard as we may try, none of us are perfect and we definitely don't live in a perfect world. Even those individuals who are perfectionists are going to find it difficult to attain a standard where nothing is wanting. That is not an excuse for just getting by for everything we do we should give our best efforts.

As for God, His way is perfect (Psalm 18:30). There are no flaws and there is not one area of His way that even suggests it being defective.

Looking through God's Word, we find other references to absolute perfection when it comes to God.

1. God the Father is perfect. Matthew 5:48 urges us to be perfect just as our Father is perfect. Does that mean we are to be without any faults? No. The Greek word means to be complete or whole. When it comes to God's laws, we should attain to be complete in conformity to them. We are to be imitators of His character...being holy as He is holy (Leviticus 19:2).

2. God's work is perfect. "The Rock - His work is perfect; all His ways are entirely just. A faithful God, without prejudice, He is righteous and true." (Deuteronomy 32:4 HCSB)

3. As we previously mentioned, everything pertaining to God's way is flawless. We can be certain He will never lead us down the wrong path (2 Samuel 22:31; Psalm 18:30).

4. God's will is perfect (Romans 12:1, 2). That is why Paul urges us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice. As we do this, it is then we are able to discern His perfect will.

5. God's gifts are perfect. "Every generous act and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights." (James 1:17 HCSB) That is part of His perfect ways.

6. "The instruction of the Lord is perfect, renewing one's life." (Psalm 19:7 a) James refers to God's Word as the perfect law of freedom (James 1:25).

7. God's Son (Jesus Christ) is perfect. In Him there are no flaws.

Do you want to be perfect? "All the LORD'S ways (show) faithful love and truth to those who keep His covenant and decrees." (Psalm 25:10) When we keep them by our obedience, it is then He makes our way perfect. (Psalm 18:32) It's a perfect guarantee!