

# Accepting Imperfection

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Imagine a house, sturdy and refined, with row after row of miniscule, charcoal colored shingles and paint of soft, delicate hues dappling the exterior. A lawn of sheer, beautiful bottle green color sweeps across the front, with two lovely mahogany chairs perched in front of a small, crackling fire pit with a lapping, silvery flame. Beds of flowers crept from behind them, with rows of apple red poppies blooming to and fro. A light red clutter of stairs leading up to an almost perfect porch with a delicately woven iron frame lay at the end of a black, symmetrical driveway, which was fitted with a stunning brass door frame, the insides encased with rich walnut, and a silver knocker in the sleek outline of a delicate feline ended the clean, well kept stairway. A beautifully designed house, as many would comment, yet completely unrealistic. As us human beings are- as related to these properties- all imperfect; we mustn't envy those with an astonishing, more complex status or any other matter; as all human beings have flaws, even if they prove different to those of our own. But most importantly, we must never try to fix what makes us ourselves: we must learn to accept imperfection.

Accepting imperfection may prove difficult at first, as we all, in one way or another, strive to become our ideas of "perfect". But, as we learn to live with our flaws, we may begin to think of them differently. For example, think about a tree. With sprawled, staggering branches and thick, wiry trunks, it would be hard to be thought of as a perfect tree. However, as the years pass, your differences may make you more sturdy, or help you hold up better to stronger winds. Believe it or not, it can be no different with humans. Be confident with yourself, think of your imperfections as an advantage, not a flaw.

Lastly, accepting imperfection takes a lot of courage. You may think that you are lesser than others, and that also corresponds with this aspect of accepting ourselves in this world: believing in ourselves.

In other words, cutting yourself down to small pieces about your challenges will send you nowhere; positivity about those issues will raise you up, and you might have less of a challenge doing things that you used to have more trouble with. Hope will always end up more important than hate.

In the end, don't challenge yourself to perfection; instead, be happy the way you are.