

GOD'S LIBERATING GRACE
God's Grace
Galatians 3:3 (NCV)
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"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)

Two great enemies of grace

Legalism -- trying to earn God's approval through rules.

Perfectionism -- trying to prove my worth by being perfect.

I. HOW PERFECTIONISM HARMS

*** IT DEFEATS MY _____**

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

*** IT DAMAGES MY _____**

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

*** IT DESTROYS MY _____**

"Do not be excessively righteous and do not be overly wise. Why should you ruin yourself?" Eccl. 7:16 (NNAS)

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

REALIZE _____

*"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 _____

*"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 _____

"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 _____

"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 _____

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