**Goodness**

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Matthew 5:17,20

“You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Matthew 5:48

**You must be P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:**

1. **Anger** - don’t just avoid **K\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** people (v. 21-22)
   * Be **F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (v. 23-24)
2. **Lust** - don’t just avoid **A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (v. 27-28)
   * Be **H\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (v. 29)
3. **Divorce** - don’t find a **L\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to abandon your wife (v. 32)
   * Be **F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
4. **Oaths** - don’t make empty **P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to cover up your past failures (v. 36-37)
   * Be **H\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
5. **Revenge** - don’t punish people just because they **D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** it (v. 38)
   * Be **P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (v. 39)
6. **Relationships** - don’t just love your friends, love your **E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (v. 44)
   * Be **C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**You have been D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ perfect in Christ** (Rom. 5:1)

“By a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.”

Hebrews 10:14

**You are B\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ perfect** (Rom. 8:29-30)

**You W\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_ perfect** (1 John 3:2)

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.” 1 Thess. 5:23-24

* **S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** is God’s work of perfecting you as you trust and obey Him

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| **↑** | Jesus is perfectly good - utterly sinless and always **R\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and loving |
| **↓** | We are **S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** - falling short of perfection in thought, word and deed |
| ❤ | Jesus washed away our sins and continues to cleanse and **S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** us |
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   * Be **Holy** (v. 29)
3. **Divorce** - don’t find a **Loophole** to abandon your wife (v. 32)
   * Be **Faithful**
4. **Oaths** - don’t make empty **Promises** to cover up your past failures (v. 36-37)
   * Be **Honest**
5. **Revenge** - don’t punish people just because they **Deserve** it (v. 38)
   * Be **Patient** (v. 39)
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   * Be **Compassionate**

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