

No Perfect People Allowed Married with Children

Getting Started

Tell the group about a time when you snuck into a place you were not allowed.

Answer one of the following questions

What would be your perfect vacation?

What was your most perfect moment as a parent?

What was your most perfect day?

What would your perfect home look like?

What would be your most perfect meal?

What sport would you most like to be perfect at?

Rate yourself as a perfectionist.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I'm totally laid back			I work hard but not too hard				I have to have things perfect		

Going Deeper

On Sunday Jack talked about three common responses to our imperfections. Let's look at each of them.

1. We hide our imperfections

Have you ever done any of the following

- You alter stories about yourself to make yourself look better than you are
- You hide information about books you read or TV you watch to protect your reputation
- Your watching T.V. and quickly turn it off when your spouse pulls in the garage
- You feel the need to keep your house in perfect order when friends come over to protect your image

Read Psalm 32:3-5. What are the dangers of hiding our imperfections from people in our life?

2. We blame others for our imperfections

Read Genesis 3:9-13. What does this passage show us about how blaming is in our DNA?

How do you see blaming going on in our culture today? How do you see blaming in your own family?

Who is a person in your life that you blame too frequently for your mistakes and imperfections?

3. Blame God for the consequences

Read Genesis 3:16-19. What were the consequences for women from these verses? Do you think that women still experience second class treatment in our society?

What are the consequences for men from these verses? How do men experience the difficulty in making a living in this culture?

Which of these three responses are you most likely to do when faced with your imperfections?

- I hide
- I blame others
- I blame God

What will you take away from this message about perfection?

I don't have to be perfect • I don't have to be everything • I don't have to hide my mistakes • I'm accepted