



# Perfection

**What Jesus said about it – Matthew 5:38-48**



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‘There must be a few people who rise higher in their chairs and comment smugly ‘I already am perfect’, but most of us regard the command with dismay. What is more we don’t just have to be ‘normally’ perfect; we have to be perfect ‘as your Father in heaven is perfect’. Oh great, why don’t we all give up now?’

The background of the slide is a photograph of two large, empty, reddish-brown clay jars sitting on a stone surface. The jars are made of rough, textured clay and have a wide, open mouth. They are positioned in the center-right of the frame. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the clay and the stone. In the top left corner, there is a small orange horizontal bar.

## 2 Corinthians 4: 6-7

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For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.



Leviticus 11:44

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Be Holy as I am Holy



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‘A life totally integrated  
within the will of God’?

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# Reflections

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- Is my life 'integrated within the will of God'?
- From last week – is my soul at rest in God?
- How can I spend time this week and for the rest of August seeking the Lord in my own context?
- Is there 1 thing I need to practically as a result of Jesus' teaching?