

# Advertizing Our Imperfections

by A.W. Tozer

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*A.W. Tozer emphasizes the importance of accepting imperfections in ourselves and others within the Christian community.*

**Scripture:** Romans 15:7, Galatians 6:1, Ephesians 4:2

**Topics:** "Acceptance", "Imperfection in the Church"

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## Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes the reality of human imperfection within the Christian community, arguing that while we aspire to perfection, it is essential to accept our fellow believers as they are. He acknowledges that true Christians still struggle with flaws and that recognizing these imperfections is crucial for fostering charity and understanding among one another. Tozer warns against the danger of impatience towards imperfect brothers, as it only highlights our own shortcomings. He reminds us that the ideal church does not exist on earth, and we must learn to coexist with those who are still growing in their faith.

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## Transcript

Our Lofty Idealism would argue that all Christians should be perfect, but a blunt realism forces us to admit that perfection is rare even among the saints. The part of wisdom is to accept our Christian brothers and sisters for what they are rather than for what they should be.

We do not wish to excuse the laziness of the saints or to provide carnality with a place to hide, but it is necessary that we face facts. And the plain fact is that the average Christian--even true Christian--is yet a long way from being like Christ in character and life. There is much that is imperfect about us, and it is fitting that we recognize it and call upon God for charity to put up with one another. The perfect church is not on this earth. The most spiritual church is sure to have in it some who are still bothered by the flesh.

An old Italian proverb says, "He that will have none but a perfect brother must resign himself to remain brotherless." However earnestly we may desire that our Christian brother go on toward perfection, we must accept him as he is and learn to get along with him. To treat an imperfect brother impatiently is to advertise our own imperfections.

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