♦ Perfection ♦

Is my heart	_ with the Lord my God?
"And he did that which was right in the II Chronicles 25:2	he sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart."
God's commands have always been o	clear and simple concerning serving and worshiping other but Him.
"Thou shalt have no other gods befor	re me." Exodus 20:3
God's commands for our life have alv	vays been clear and simple.
"Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, a	nd serve him, and shalt swear by his name." Deuteronomy 6:13
"And the LORD commanded us to do that he might preserve us alive, as it i	all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, is at this day." Deuteronomy 6:24
thy God with all thy heart, and with a commandment. 39 And the second is	dment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these and the prophets." Matthew 22:36-40
	, God with all my heart,
soul, mind, and strength is	with God.
"For where your treasure is, there wil	ll your heart be also." Luke 12:34

Are we treasuring people because we want to be like them, like the structure, a break from chaos, visiting with each other? Or are we following these <u>towards</u> our God? What is <u>your</u> focus? Goal? Operating system?

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour." Ephesians 5:1

Love God and others, not with our perception of love, but as Christ loved—a living sacrifice to God.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:1

Following Christ's	and	from other followers of
God helps me refine and strengthen	my of	having my heart perfect with God.
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Study the Word, learn what standard instruction manual for life!	l to evaluate your life de	cisions through, and make it your
Ephesians 4:21-32		
Read it! Apply it! Put away, stop do uplifting habits.	oing the old self-destruc	tive habits and start building new,
"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, th	hat I might not sin again	st thee." Psalm 119:11
Plant the Word in every part of your l	life so you can stand thr	ough the good <u>and</u> bad.
Most gladly therefore will I rather glo	ory in my infirmities, that es, in reproaches, in nece	strength is made perfect in weakness. It the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 ssities, in persecutions, in distresses for hians 12:9-10
The imperfect human part of us make more incredible.	es the work that God is a	able to do in us and through us that much
God's applied to m	y life helps me live tow	ards God's life
for me.		
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Do I have a perfect heart with God, I	like David had?	
Is my focus on walking in His statute	es, knowing them by hea	art, keeping His commandments?
Am I making time for Him and learni	ing how His commandm	ents apply to my daily life?

If my answer is "No/Sometimes" to any of the above, what is standing in my way?
What can I change in my life to prioritize my relationship with God?
"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. 10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." I Peter 5:8-10
Keep up your guard against sin creeping in. It's not always blatant sin/evil. He knows your weak points and how to get you to step over the line if you aren't careful. Learn how to fight back—be in the Word.
"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." I Chronicles 7:14
What might be standing between you and God? What comes to mind? Make it right with Him and anyone else you need to, and restore your relationship with Him.
"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." James 4:10
It's attitude. Humility before God. Obeying Him with your heart, soul, mind, strength—all of you.
"And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." Ephesians 4:30
If you are letting something (sin, pride, a person, a habit, things, an animal, an emotion, not making time, a mindset, etc.) stand in the way of your relationship with God, can you have a perfect heart with God—or even work towards one?
How do you live your best, most abundant life? How can you have a perfect heart with God?
Obtaining perfection is humanly impossible. But we can prioritize loving and serving God by having a

perfect heart with God—one step at a time.