

Some Assembly Required

**Part #3 – NO PERFECT PEOPLE ALLOWED**

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- ✓ Our quest for perfection ...
- ✓ The virtue / disease of “Perfectionism” ...

**A. The Reality of Weakness and Imperfection**

Text: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

***“Everyone is broken, damaged, cracked, and imperfect. It is a common thread of all humanity – even for those who deny its reality in their life.”***  
 Peter Scazzaro – The Emotionally Healthy Church

**B. A Relationship of Vulnerability and Brokenness– The ‘returning’ son**

Text: Luke 15: 11-24

Portrait of Rembrandt – “The Prodigal Son”

Honesty + **Vulnerability** = Growth in **Wholeness**

***“Admitting the truth about ourselves is the key starting point for change.”***  
 Peter Scazzaro – The Emotionally Healthy Church

**C. A Defensive and Proud posture**

Text: Luke 15:25-30

- ✓ There are two kinds of people, therefore; two kinds of **churches**.

<b><u>Proud and Defensive</u></b>	<b><u>Broken and Vulnerable</u></b>
I am guarded and protected about my imperfections and flaws	I am transparent and I choose to disclose myself to appropriate others
I am highly ‘offendable’ and defensive	I am approachable and open to the input of others
I naturally focus first on the flaws, mistakes, and sins of others.	I am aware of my own brokenness. I have compassion and am slow to judge others.
I give my opinion a lot, even when I am not asked.	I am slow to speak and quick to listen.
I don’t get close to people.	I am open and curious about others.
I keep people from seeing what is going on inside of me.	I delight in showing vulnerability and weakness. That Christ’s power may be seen.
I like to control most situations.	I can let go and give people opportunity to earn my trust.
I have to be right in order to feel strong and good.	I understand that God’s strength reveals itself in admitting mistakes, weakness, and statements that ‘I was wrong’.
I often hold grudges and rarely ask for forgiveness.	I don’t hold people in debt to me, and am able to ask others for forgiveness.

- ✓ The parable of the clay pot