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“Those who strive for perfection in character will always fall short; but they will achieve much more than those who strive for mediocrity, who will never fall short.”

This month's (December) quotation also deals with last month's theme of "Perfection" — a state of flawlessness. Since very few things in life are perfect and absolutely no one (person) is perfect, it begs the question: Why would anyone strive to achieve perfection in character?

Why would anyone strive to act with integrity always? Perhaps because integrity builds trust and summons courage.

Why would anyone strive to become trustworthy? Maybe because trustworthiness builds accountability.

Why would anyone strive to act with honesty as much as possible? Perhaps because honesty is a prerequisite to trust in any mutually beneficial relationship.

Why would anyone strive for perfection in character, knowing it can never be attained? Maybe, just maybe, because 80% is better than 100%—if you are measuring a standard of failure!

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