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Looking Good

Have you ever looked through a department store catalogue and wondered at how anything those models wear looks good on them? I should have such a figure! But no I have to be just as careful about what I eat and what I wear as most of the rest of us, because perfection, for me, is hard to come by.

Granted, I'd be the first to strive for the perfect figure if I thought it'd do any good; but luckily, I'm saved from that ordeal by a bone structure that refuses to yield to dieting. Even so, if I feel like I have so little control over the physical "me," it's no wonder that I feel so completely overwhelmed, at times, by the spiritual.

And yet, Jesus says,

"You must therefore be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

[Matt. 5:48]

I don't know about that, Jesus. It seems to me that perfect just "is"...at least as far as the body is concerned. Sure, you can improve on what you've been given, but there's just so far a body can go; and to be perfect, either physically or spiritually, seems an impossibility.

"For men" he said, "this is impossible; but for God everything is possible."

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[Matt. 19:26]

A doctor may be able to rearrange our bones and even put in us a new heart, but who can better change the essence of who we “are” than that which is “I AM”?

OK, so when He has perfected me, maybe it won't matter about my life and what I'm to eat, or about my body and how I'm to clothe it.

Is that why you told me not to worry about such things, Jesus?

Because I'll look good in anything?!

(Oh well, what kind of conclusion did you expect?...After all, I'm only a child...a child of God, that is.)

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