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## The perfect? or the right direction?

Dear students,

Dr. Melvin once talked about this, and in fact we humans cannot be perfect. And he said that if we're going in the Right Direction, that's fine.

We tend to be "perfect" to do something. Of course, sometimes we can do it perfectly, and it could be the best. But I agree that we shouldn't think that way too much. Because we couldn't be perfect in the ministry.

And if we focus on perfection, we may not be able to achieve it, just as we would like to have a perfect speaking in English. Most of the time, we learn spoken English, and we have that experience.

I had a friend who majored in English in the seminary, and he always tried to perfect English grammar. So whenever he talks to a foreigner, he always and only thinks about perfect grammar. There is one funny story. You may not believe this. But it is nonfiction. My friend had a chance to talk with an American who stood in front of him. My friend was thinking too much about grammar, so the American waited for his speech, but still my friend was murmuring grammar, then the foreigner was run away. Do you think it's an exaggeration? No, It's true.

Once we try to do something, we tend to think we have to do it perfectly, but if we think that way too much, we can't move forward. That's why it seems unwise to focus on the idea of "doing it perfectly." Because of the limitations of human beings, it cannot be done perfectly at once.

When we look at books about leadership, most of them don't talk about perfection in trying something, but they often say, "Just try it." You remember Nike's Slogan, "Just do it."

To startup, something must be decided by personally. In this case, except for two or three key members, almost all are skeptical or opposed. In my case, it was. People around me were almost skeptical when I started University in Kenya. Opposition, but expression, was skeptical and pessimistic. If I have hesitated at the time, the project could not have been accomplished at all,

We'd much better get started. This is because we have to start to proceed. After we started, we couldn't stop. It becomes an unstoppable situation. And once we started, we felt the urge to keep going, and we kept on going. In fact, not only myself, but also people around me now encouraged me to continue the project. In doing so, an unstoppable amount of energy was accumulated and applied. The so-called Momentum has gained.

And I found that there was no need to worry too much about the speed of progress. There are also short and long distances in running races! Sometimes like a sprinter, sometimes like a marathoner, or sometimes a little slow. However, it is important to proceed continually.

In the end, how important it is to get started up rather than to get fully and perfectly prepared! And if we keep going in that direction, we'll get there, even if we go a little slower. That is how our Melvin University was completed. This is because the DIRECTION was correct, not the pursuit of perfection.●

**Weekly Axiom**

*Objectives are not fate; they are direction. If objectives are only good intentions, they are worthless. They must degenerate into work.*  
(P.F.D)