

TIPS ON SOCIAL SKILLS FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN

IS PERFECTIONISM A BAD THING?

Dear Readers,

This week's newsletter includes a question on the topic of perfectionism. Is it a bad thing or are there benefits to being a perfectionist?





QUESTION:

I always try to be perfect.

I wish it was easier for me, but I can't really help it. So, can I justembrace it? Is that really a bad thing?



ANSWER:

Some experts argue that perfectionism develops duringchildhood. Many different pressures: family, social, self, media, andunrealistic role models combine to push some people to a lifetime of worrying, feeling guilty, and working too hard. Often these feelings of guilt are tied upin self-esteem and self-worth. Perfectionists start to believe that unless they are perfect, they are unworthy of love and respect.

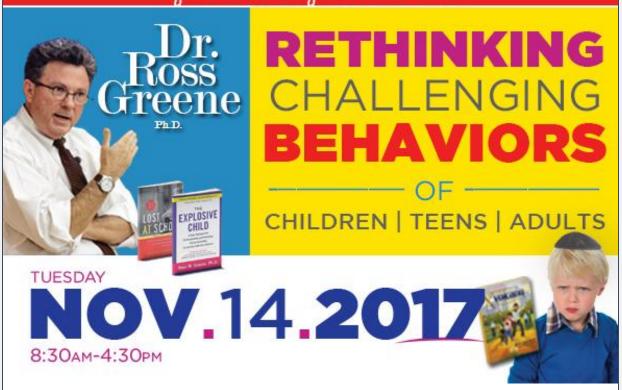
There's nothing wrong with trying your best. In fact, givingit your best shot is what you should attempt to do everyday; however, yoursense of self should not be shattered if your best shot ends in less thanperfect results. Insisting on perfectioncan lead to doomed results for both you and your family.

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