



Ponder Perfection

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Perfection: flawless, complete, unsurpassable; a rose, a song, an act of kindness, a gander of God.

As I gaze at the deep red color of a mighty rose protruding from its thorny pedestal, I summon my ego to assist me in the task of improving the appearance of my crimson companion. My attention is momentarily distracted by the sweet, intense fragrance mysteriously misting my eyes with unexpected joy. What petal should I remove, what note of Mozart's Piano Sonata in C should I ignore, which person should I criticize?

"Be ye Perfect as your Father in Heaven is Perfect". God made us in His image and likeness, complete and perfect. We swim in a sea of struggle as the forces of evil attempt to pluck our petals and distort our unique song. Ponder your destiny, ponder your life, ponder your call to perfection and embrace the protection of God's perfect grace. Sprinkle acts of kindness, words of praise, pearls of perfection upon your brothers and sisters.

Inhale the rose, dance the note,

Ponder Perfection!