Different people have different expectations of you, and these expectations are treading on each other. Your wife wants you home by 5:30 but your boss wants you in the office till 7:30 in the evening. You have only 24 hours but if you have to fulfill your parents’, your children’s, your boss’s expectations, and above all your spouse’s expectations, you actually need sixty hours a day. “Where do I get those extra hours?” That’s the question.

Right now, people have expectations way beyond your capabilities. Don’t curse that. It is a great boon that people are expecting big things from you. If people looked at you and thought “Oh, we can’t expect anything from him,” and they had no expectations from you, do you think that would be good for you? If your boss has no expectation from you, you will get fired. They are all expecting many things from you. This is an opportunity for you to go beyond your limitations and do something with life. Does it mean to say you will do something perfect to fulfill everyone’s expectations? It will never happen. But if all of them are constantly having or expecting more than what you can deliver, that means your life is going well.

Enjoy your wellbeing, don’t complain about it. Do the best you can do and that is all there is. There is no such thing as perfection in life. There is only one thing that happens perfectly, and that is death. If you seek perfection, unconsciously you will seek death. Life is never going to be perfect because whichever way you are functioning right now, you could always be a little more, isn’t it? So there is no question of perfection. Life does not become beautiful because you are perfect, life becomes beautiful because you put your heart into everything that you do. Only when there are big expectations, will you stretch yourself beyond your limitations. If you can stretch, that means you have still not reached your limitation. If there are no expectations, you will never find your full potential.

So, let them expect bigger and bigger things from you. You manage the situations to the extent you can manage them. Some things will always be out of control, and the more things you get into, the more things will be going wrong in your life. But many more things will be going right also. The quality of your life, or the success of your life need not be measured in terms of fulfilling something. It needs to be measured in terms of whether you are giving yourself totally or not.

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