

The Importance Of The Perfect Not Being Allowed To Be The Enemy Of The Good

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From the wikipedia entry -- I really like the *second* suggestion as much or more than the first, although they are both about the same in the end.

"**Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater**" is an [idiomatic](#) expression for an avoidable error in which something good or of value is eliminated when trying to get rid of something unwanted. [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

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Earliest record of the phrase from *Narrenbeschwörung* (*Appeal to Fools*) by [Thomas Murner](#), 1512

A slightly different explanation suggests this flexible catchphrase has to do with discarding the essential while retaining the superfluous because of excessive zeal.