

# St. Paul's Notes

## WHO SAYS NO ONE CAN BE PERFECT

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Matthew 5:48

A House

### I. Christian Perfection is Not . . .

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Christian Perfection is . . .

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Sanctifying Grace

- A. Give us \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_

## General Rules of the United Methodist Church

It is expected of all who will continue therein that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation

First: By Doing No Harm – They should avoid:

The taking of the Lord's name in vain.

Profaning the Lord's day, either by doing ordinary work or by buying or selling.

Drunkenness.

Fighting, quarreling brawling, returning evil for evil; brother going to law with brother.

Uncharitable or unprofitable conversation – particularly speaking evil of magistrates or of ministers.

Doing to others as we would not they should do unto us.

The singing those songs, or reading those books, which do not tend to the knowledge or love of God.

Laying up treasure upon earth.

Borrowing without a probability of paying; or taking up goods without a probability of paying for them.

Second: By doing Good – doing good of every possible sort, and as far as possible to all

To their bodies by giving food to the hungry, by clothing the naked, by visiting or helping them that are sick or in prison.

To their souls, by instructing, reproving, or exhorting all we are in relationship with.

By doing good, especially to them that are of the household of faith employing them preferable to others; helping each other in business.

By running with patience the race which is set before them, denying themselves and taking up their cross daily.

Third: By attending upon all the ordinances of God; such are

The public worship of God.

The ministry of the Word, either read or expounded.

The Supper of the Lord (communion).

Family and private prayer.

Searching the Scriptures.

Fasting or abstinence.

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