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Christian Perfection

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CHRISTIAN PERFECTION

MATT. 5:48. This verse and II Tim. 2:15 would solve many Biblical, social & personal problems

LESS: Little understood, Less believed, More ignored than most any other N.T. passage!

1. "No body's perfect!" Contradicts text!!
2. Just do BEST you can. Not enough!
3. I don't understand the goal! Study needed;
4. I quit! Why try? "No body's perfect!!!"

I. A STUDY OF THE WORD "PERFECT".

1. In NT 52 times. No way to ignore it!
2. Has 13 different Greek shades of meaning:
   Sound. Whole.
3. Two senses of degree: Relative & Absolute.

II. THREE AREAS IN WHICH MAN CAN BE PERFECT.

A. DOCTRINAL.

   Began to teach. Fine job. "Adjusted!"

B. PHYSICAL.

1. Rom. 12:1-2. Total dedication the perfect will of God.
   Ill. Centerville, Tex. man claimed God made him weak morally--so an adulterer!
   God's answer: Jas. 1:13-16. I Cor. 10:13

C. SPIRITUAL.

2. Idea is: Spiritually Grown Up! E.4:11-15
   Ill. QUOTE:
   "God judges a man, not by the point he has reached; but the WAY he is facing. Not by the distance he has run, but by the vigor with which he is racing!!!"
INV: Ill. Some of our lives need PERFECTING in the sense of ADJUSTMENT:

College boy, from Christian home, his freshman dorm room with pictures of nude women and pornographic trash! Made him BIG! ADULT!... and... Dirty'!!!

His mother made an unexpected visit to the campus. He in class. She waited for him in his room. Said nothing!

Next day, in the center of his wall, was a picture of JESUS amid all the trash.

Next visit by mother a pleasant one! His room adorned by ONE PICTURE. JESUS!!!

His atmosphere was PERFECT! Adjusted....

WHAT adjustment do YOU need to make in your life tonight?

Obey the Gospel? B-R-C-B.

Begin obeying what you promised to obey? Repent. Return. Rejoice!

Make connections? Identify and start CONTRIBUTING to the kingdom!!!!
ARE WE EXPECTED TO BE PERFECT?

An understanding of this great truth would solve many Biblical, social and personal problems.

There are four usual replies to this challenge.
1. Nobody's perfect.
2. Just do the best you can.
3. I don't understand the goal.
4. I quit. Why try? Nobody can do it!

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II. THREE AREAS IN WHICH A MAN MAY BE PERFECT.

A. DOCTRINAL. Man CAN be perfect!
2. II Tim. 3:16-17. Complete guide to successful life.

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CLOSE: Some of our lives need Perfecting in the sense of Adjustment. Sinners need to adjust their lives from sin to righteousness. Acts 2:38.
Wayward Christians need to adjust their conduct the same as the alien sinner. Both are lost. James 5:16 explains the way.