

Nobody's Perfect

- 1 John 1:5-10 -

- A. Tom Daschle's report of failing to pay \$128,203 in federal taxes was reported as "Nobody's perfect. It was a serious mistake..."
- B. "He's ONLY human" is also penned as an excuse for why people sin and grievous mistakes are made.
- C. **"ONLY"** qualifies something like "never", "very", "somewhat"; It give value to whatever word it modifies. The purpose is to minimize, diminish importance, or emphasize insignificance.
- D. To use "HUMAN" as an adjective, often displays a negative tone (i.e. human condition, to err is human, human failings). "ONLY HUMAN" defines us as nothing but flesh and blood, animalistic. The scriptures prove we are more than flesh and blood. We are made in the image of God (**Gen 1:26,27**).

1. Why Would _____ say "_____ ?"

- A. _____
 - 1. The problem with a low goal in life is the standard God has established (**Jn 12:48; Rom 2:16; Rev 20:12**)...
 - 2. God's standard is not set by the world (**Rom 12:2**)
- B. _____
 - 1. **2 Cor 10:12**. People have lowered their standard to others who are "not perfect".
 - 2. People justify themselves by others actions. Compare that with God's standard - Himself (**1 Pet 1:15,16**) and Jesus (**1 Cor 11:1**)
- C. _____
 - 1. Compare that idea with **1 Jn 1:7** and **Phil 4:13**
 - 2. God never presents a standard lower than Himself (Ex: **Col 3:9**)
 - 3. We should exercise self-control (**1 Cor 9:27**)
- D. **Led to believe we are _____**
 - 1. Some people lack responsibility or accountability, because they feel they are "born this way". Such an attitude says God's creation was imperfect (**Gen 1:31**).
 - 2. Man is not given the right to rationalization. Man is drawn away by his own lusts (**Jas 1:14-15**). Man is not born in sin (**Rom 6:16-18**). We choose whom we obey (**Ezek 18**)...
 - 3. To be born of God, you remove yourself from sin (**1 Jn 3:7-10**)
 - 4. "We who died to sin, how shall we any longer live therein?" (**Rom 6:2**) You do not do evil so good may come (**Rom 3:8**)...
- E. _____ the _____ of _____
 - 1. If we say sin does not exist, we lie (**1 Jn 1:8-10**).
 - 2. When Nathan came to David, he did not say, "You're human like the rest of us", he said, "Thou art the man" (2 Sam 12:7)
 - 3. The people in Acts 2 realized how serious sin is.
 - 4. Paul explains the struggle with sin is real (**Rom 7:14-25**)

2. _____

- 1. **Matt 5:43-48** - "Ye therefore shall be perfect..."
- 2. **1 John 4:16-21** - The love of God **perfected** in us.
- 3. **James 1:2-4** - Faith working through patience, we are perfect.
- 4. To say we are perfect does not mean sinlessness. It means completeness. Be complete (**2 Tim 3:16,17; Jas 1:25**).