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Our Course is a Constant Progress But what is the import of the last statement which he has made: If any one say, 'May it possibly be that a not even in word? For the way in which we walk, that is, the road by which we reach perfection, is cleansed by clean. Hence we should say that they have an office pertaining to perfection rather than that they attain the state of perfection. Of how great importance it is to receive correction well, 392 V.

The Practice Of Christian And Religious Perfection, Volume 2 : Rodríguez, Alfonso, 1538

In like manner, there is a certain perfection of charity which is none other than its very essence: to love God above all things, and to love nothing contrary to Him. THREE CONSEQUENCES OF THE PRECEPT OF THE LOVE OF GOD Three important consequences result from this lofty doctrine of the precept of the love of God which teaches that the first precept, superior to all the others and to all the counsels, has no limit; that by it the perfection of the Christian life is not only counseled, but commanded, to all; and that it is commanded not as something to be realized immediately, but rather as the end toward which everyone should tend according to his condition. Yet a man may pass from the religious to the episcopal state, for it is said XVIII, qu.

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Accordingly, if we compare these with one who is a religious by state, a deacon or priest by order, having the cure of souls by office, as many monks and canons regular have, this one will excel in the first point, and in the other points he will be equal. In fact, what John celebrated as a moving of the Holy Spirit between 1758-1763, his younger brother, Charles, critiqued as instances of enthusiasm bound to discredit the Methodist cause.

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But there is also, even in this life, another perfection of charity which one attains only by spiritual progress, analogous to natural growth.

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Therefore it would seem that perfection consists in the observance of the precepts. He does not say, These are contrary the one to the other, so that you will not do the things that you can, but, so that you do not the things that you would. Chapter 11 23 Passages of Scripture Which, When Objected Against Him by the Catholics, Cœlestius Endeavours to Elude by Other Passages: the First Passage After this he adduced the passages which are usually quoted against them.

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