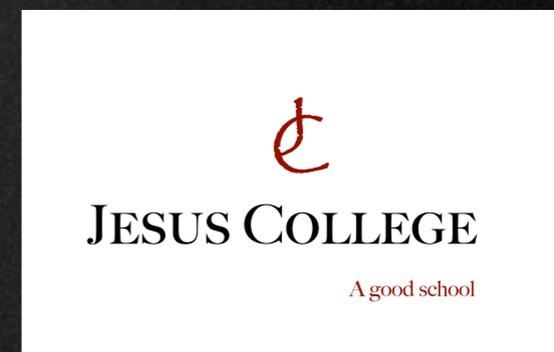


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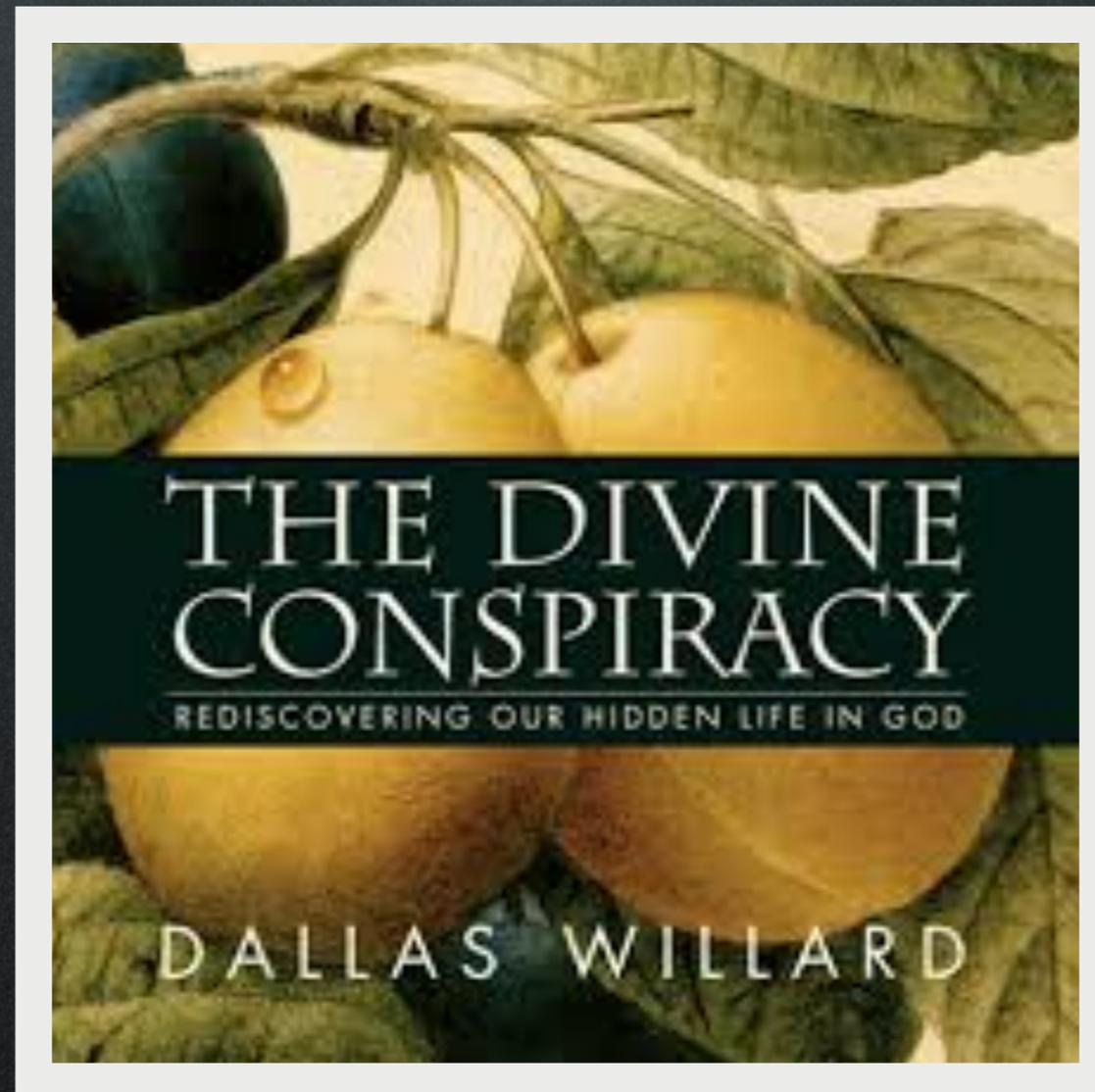


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Chapter 5 - "The Rightness of The Kingdom Heart:

Beyond the Goodness of Scribes & Pharisees"

Session 15 - *"Fantasized Desire, Adultery & Divorce"*





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REVIEW Session 14 - “The Caldron of Anger & Contempt”

The Kingdom Heart

Standing in the Kingdom, we make responsible decisions in love, with assurance that how things turn out for us does not really matter that much because, in any case, we are in the Kingdom of the Heavens...nothing that can happen to us is the ‘end of the world’.

The Divine Conspiracy, p. 158

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Who is a really good person?

Matthew 5:21-48

Jesus — Six Areas of Kingdom Rightness in Life

#1 - “In the Caldron of Anger & Contempt” - 5:21-26

#2 - “Fantasized Desire & Adultery” 5:27-30

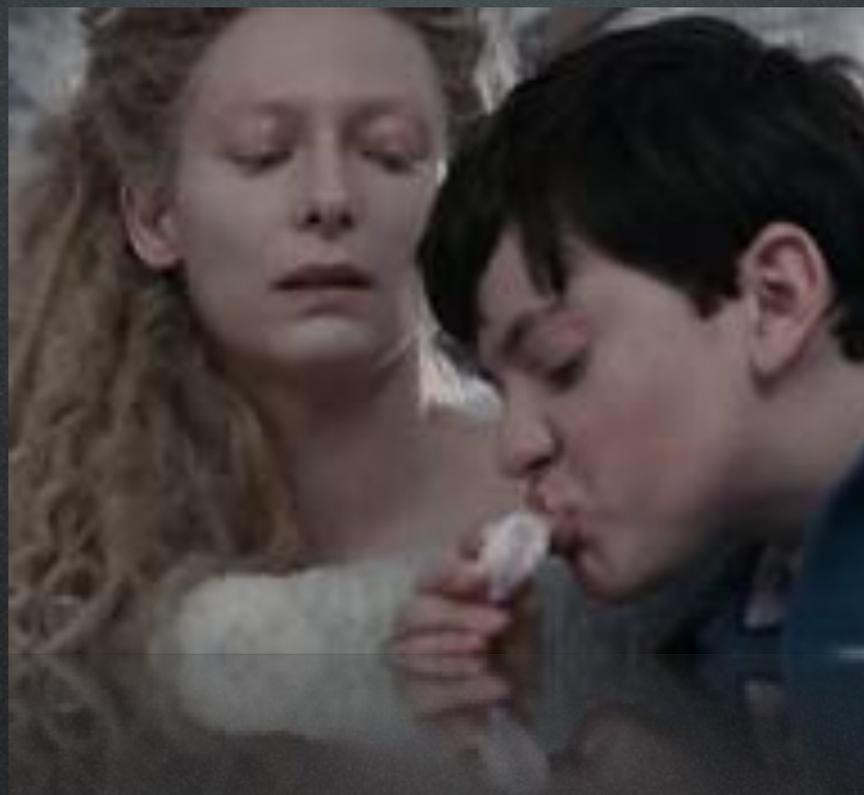
#3 - “Beyond the Divorce Papers” - 5:31-32

#4 - “Transparent Words: A Yes that is a Yes” 5:33-37

#5 - “Response to Personal Injury” - 5:38-42

6- “What to do with Enemies” - 5:43-48

Oh, for a piece of Turkish Delight...



27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman to lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.”

31 “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.”

The Wise Master Teacher Jesus

If you pull contempt and unrestrained anger out of human life, you have thereby rid it of by far the greater part of wrong acts that actually get carried out.

(159)



Life Area #2 - Lust

Jesus' teaching here is that a person who cultivates lusting in this manner is not the kind of person who is at home in the goodness of God's kingdom.

—> (def.) To look upon a woman for the purpose of lusting for her. Usually the only thing lacking for overt action is the occasion. The adulterer is the one who would have wrongful sex if the circumstances were right...if he/she could not be found out.

—> It is always acted out to some degree and can not be kept a private reality. The look restructures the entire framework of personal relations where it occurs.

= *Gone* - Sexual harassment and unfair treatment of those who don't attract the lusting look. (161)

“You need to distinguish:

- 1) “thought of sin”
- 2) “inclination to sin” (that’s temptation)
- 3) “readiness to sin”.

Adultery in the heart is #3. It is not temptation. It is not thought. Adultery in the heart is manifested by cultivating desire. When you ‘look to lust’ you ‘look in order to lust’ not just having to, but inciting to purposefully enjoy dwelling on it.”

Why does one do that?

“For the most part it is a habit. It feels good. We enjoy imagining what we might like to do even if we wouldn’t do them. This habit of indulging feeling becomes a major part of how we get through life. “Turn to the body” (Romans 1) as a source of gratification and good feeling.’

[Session #11 \[50:20-52:10\]](#)

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A Thief is not just one who steals.

A Thief is one who would steal
if the opportunity presents itself.



Life Area #2 (continued) — **Adultery**

Actual adultery is much worse.

Personal relationship has been emptied out to the point where intimacy is impossible. (162)

Contemporary human beings can not find a reason for not committing adultery. (163)

Anger + Contempt = destroyed marriage sex = fantasy
(163-164)

Thinking of or tempted by sex is not wrong vs. Looking to desire her.

A choice becomes a chosen habit. It is not the law of gravity. (165)

Attraction ~ Distraction ~ Action



Life Area #3 – Divorce

Kingdom hearts are not hard. (172)

1. Divorce was never God's intention.
2. A right divorce is not good.
3. Divorce perpetuates adultery in a degraded sexual condition of neglect or prostitution.



The Condition of My Heart...

HARD or *Soft*



Questions or Comments!



Use “Q&A” on the bottom of your Zoom screen

“What is going on in the heart.”
“The love of God...crowds out evil.” ¹

~ ~ ~

“Agape love is the sure answer to lust.
What you love, you’ll treat lovingly.” ²

1 - Dallas Willard

The Divine Conspiracy, p. 168

2 - Dallas Willard

The Divine Conspiracy Lectures, Session 11 [1:00:20]





Anger, Contempt, Lust & Adultery
are viral in our world and our bodies...



Agape love is the antidote.

In the next 10,000 minutes...

Q - What is the condition of tenderness of my heart?
(172)

Q - What might I do if I could get away with it? (166)

Q - What Kingdom resources can I engage to resolve difficulties in my closest relationships? (172)



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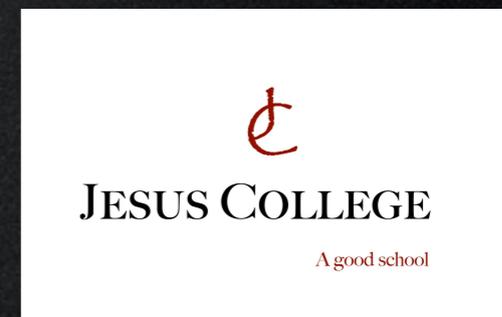
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your body be full of
light in your next
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