

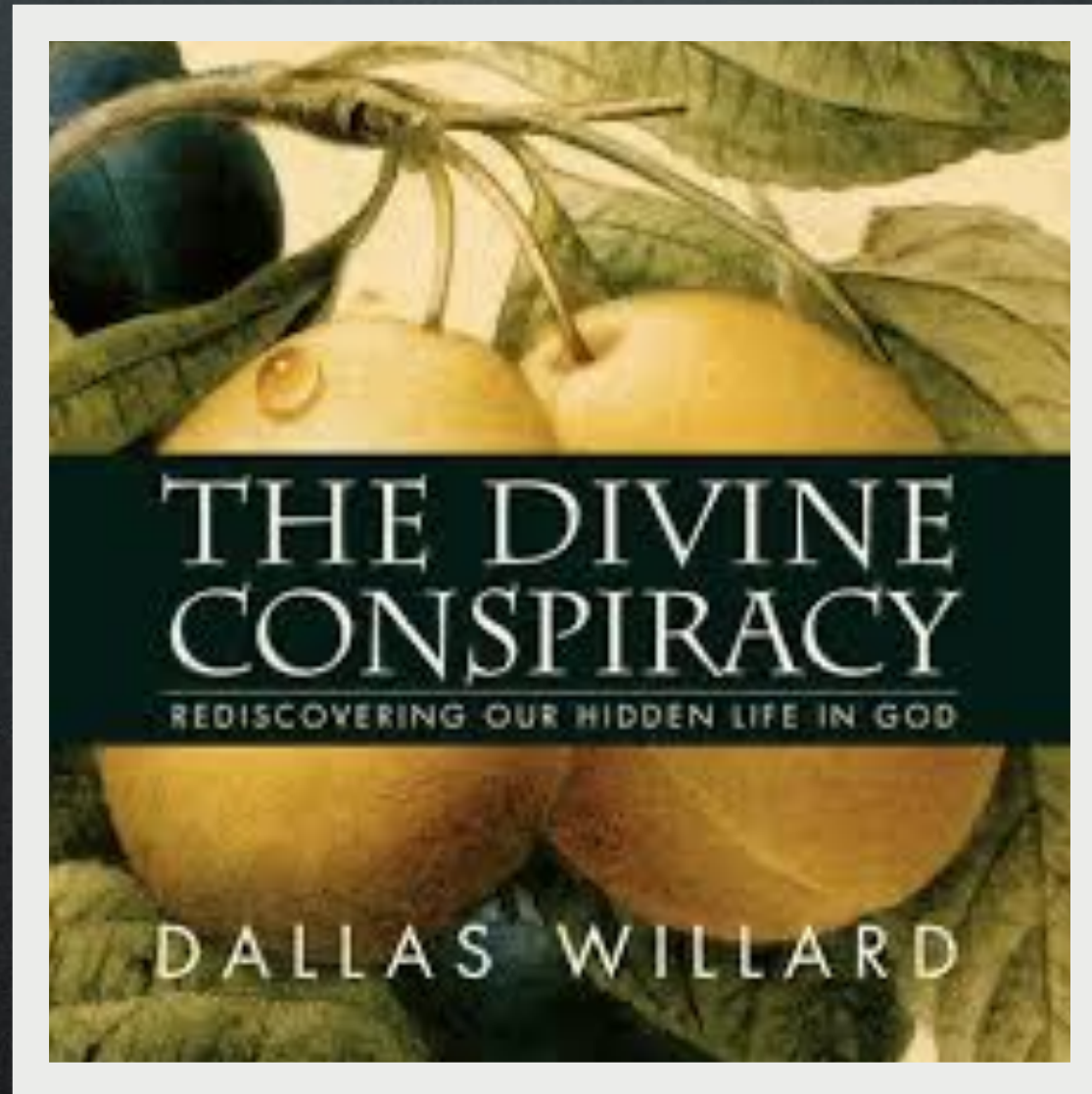
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# **THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY**

Chapter 5 - "The Rightness of The Kingdom Heart:  
Beyond the Goodness of Scribes & Pharisees"  
Session 13 - "Master of Moral Understanding"  
& "The Law and the Soul"







## THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY

### Life's Four Major Questions\*

Q1 - What is reality?

A - "The Kingdom of God."

Q2 - Who is well off - living the good life?

A - "Living in the direct availability of the Kingdom of God."

**Q3 - Who is a good person?**

**A - "One permeated with agape love."**

Q4 - How do I become a good person?

A - "Become an apprentice of Jesus."

\* (12) sources (30 pages) from Dallas on "Life's 4 Big Questions"



## Session 12 Review

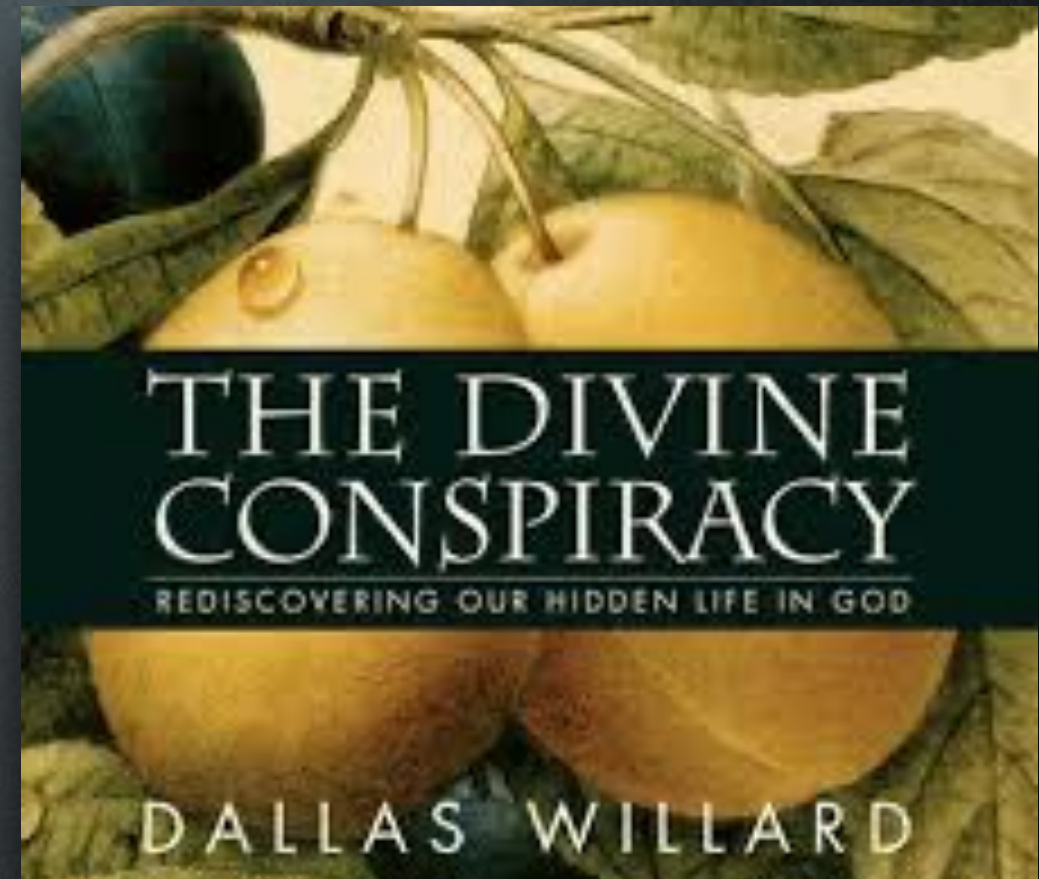
*\* What then does Jesus say to us  
with His Beatitudes? (116)*

The hopeless are blessed. The  
well off are woeful. Jesus  
opens the Kingdom of the  
Heavens to everyone. (119)

*No one is beyond beatitude. (122)*

*\* How are we to live in response  
to them? (116)*

God gives us light and makes  
us salt to illuminate, cleanse,  
preserve, and flavor the times  
through which we live. (125)





17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19 Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:17-20



“The good person, from the good treasured up in his heart,  
produces what is good.”

Jesus of Nazareth



“The command ‘Be ye perfect’ is not idealistic gas. Nor is it a command to do the impossible. He is going to make us into creatures that can obey that command.”

CS Lewis





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*Who is a really good person?*



### **Master of Moral Understanding (129-139)**

He actually knows how to enable people to be good...a heartfelt love toward all...not acts and projects, but a pervasive condition of vision, joy and love in which we habitually reside...the same quality of God's love...perfect as our Father in the heavens is perfect.

(129-130)



The Human Condition — We want to be good but we are ready to do evil, and we come prepared with lengthy justifications.

A little girl in Sunday School is asked,

*“What is a lie?”*

*“An abomination to God...*

*and a very present help in time of trouble.”*





# THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY

*Who is a really good person?*

## Talk on the Hill

Masterful unity of the Sermon not laws, otherwise,  
Jesus is meaner than Moses.

*Repent, for life in the Kingdom of the Heavens  
is now one of your options.*

(133)







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*Who is a really good person?*

### The Brilliant Teacher on the Hill

In our culture, Jesus is automatically disassociated from brilliance or intellectual capacity - “Master of those who know.” Would you be able to trust your life to such a person...be inclined to become His student?

(134)



Picture of a Kingdom heart (133, 137, 143, 147)

A planned sermon in sequential order...  
a progression toward a life of agape love.  
*“the sequential order of Kingdom life”* (137-139)





## THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY

*Who is a really good person?*

### **The Law and the Soul**

Goodness = the Source (the Heart) of rightness,  
the Law is the Course of rightness (142)

Matthew 5:17-20 - *Beyond Religious Professionals - the deed*

*The Law written on their kingdom hearts*

*Jeremiah 31:33, Hebrews 10:16*

Righteousness = “True Inner Goodness” (145)

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*Who is a really good person?*

*Righteous in something other than what you do!*

“If you just try to do the right thing or not do the wrong thing, you will fail. You have to go to a deeper level of the self than controlling your action. This is the crux of the matter. The intention has to be applied at the right place.”

Session #7 [10:25-25:25]

*“The Divine Conspiracy”* Lectures  
Harvey Fellows Summer Institute - 2007



*A Thief is not just one who steals.*

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







## **THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY**

*Who is a really good person?*

### **Living Inside Out in Real Life**

A Lesson from a Dishwasher

<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.<sup>26</sup> Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.”

Matthew 23:25-26





## **THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY**

*Who is a really good person?*

### **Living Inside Out in Real Life**

A Lesson from a Farmer

<sup>43</sup> “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. <sup>44</sup> Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. <sup>45</sup> A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.”

Luke 6:43-45



“Do we really believe what Jesus said  
is for us to do, we can do and should do?  
The overwhelming sense is we don’t  
need to do it and probably can’t.”

Dallas Willard



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*“The only proper response to this word  
which Jesus brings with Him from eternity  
is simply to do it.”*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

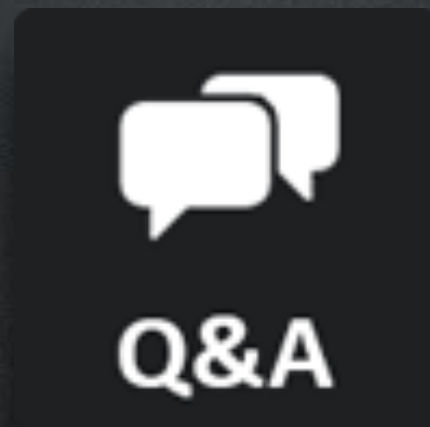




# Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

(Use the Q&A on the bottom of your Zoom screen)





## **Meditation** — Luke 6:43-45

### **Application**

Q — What does it mean to say,  
“He is a good man!” “She is a good woman!”?

Q - Do I want to do what Jesus commanded?  
Honestly, do I think I can?

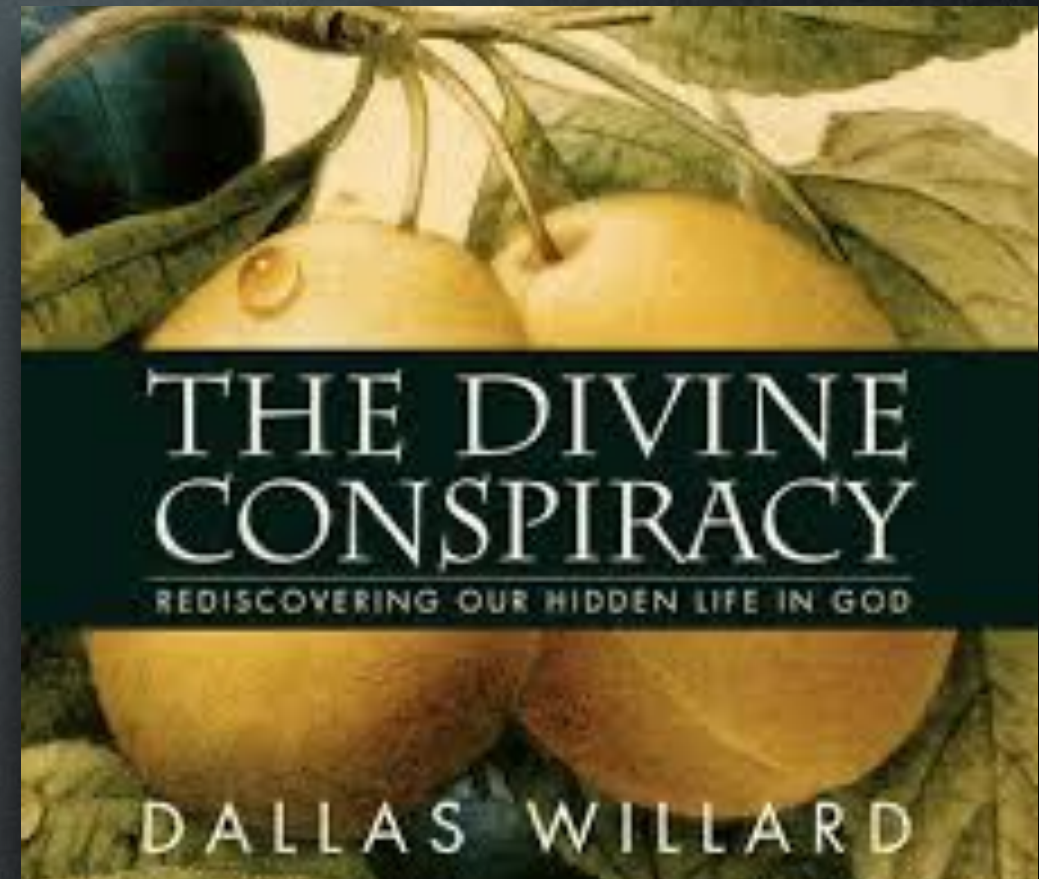
Q - What am I working on currently with Jesus by His  
grace to do what He said?





## **Session 13 Summary**

The good person, a truly righteous person permeated with agape love, learns from Jesus how to live the Sermon on the Mount from the inside out.





**80:00 + 10K**



## **“The Divine Conspiracy Lectures”**

Dallas Willard Ministries YouTube Channel

The Harvey Fellows 2004 Summer Institute  
[12-part video series link](#)

### **Course Session 13 \* Recommended Teachings**

“Interacting with the Kingdom”

[DC #7 10:25-25:25](#) & [DC #10 06:50-22:05](#)

(119) pages of lecture notes in the Jesus College Library

<https://www.jesuscollege.com/dallaswillard-thedivineconspiracy>

\* See the Course reading schedule for related teachings



## **Next Week — Session 14**

Chapter 5 - The Rightness of The Kingdom Heart:  
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“In the Caldron of Anger & Contempt”

Hardback - pp. 147-158

Paperback - pp. 164-177

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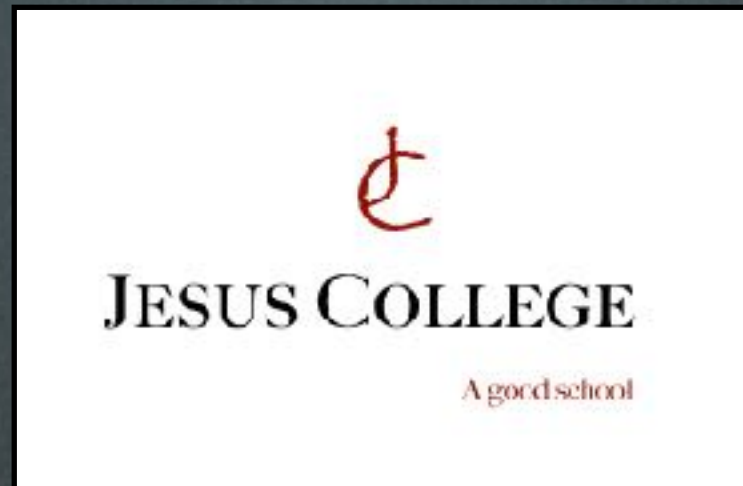


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