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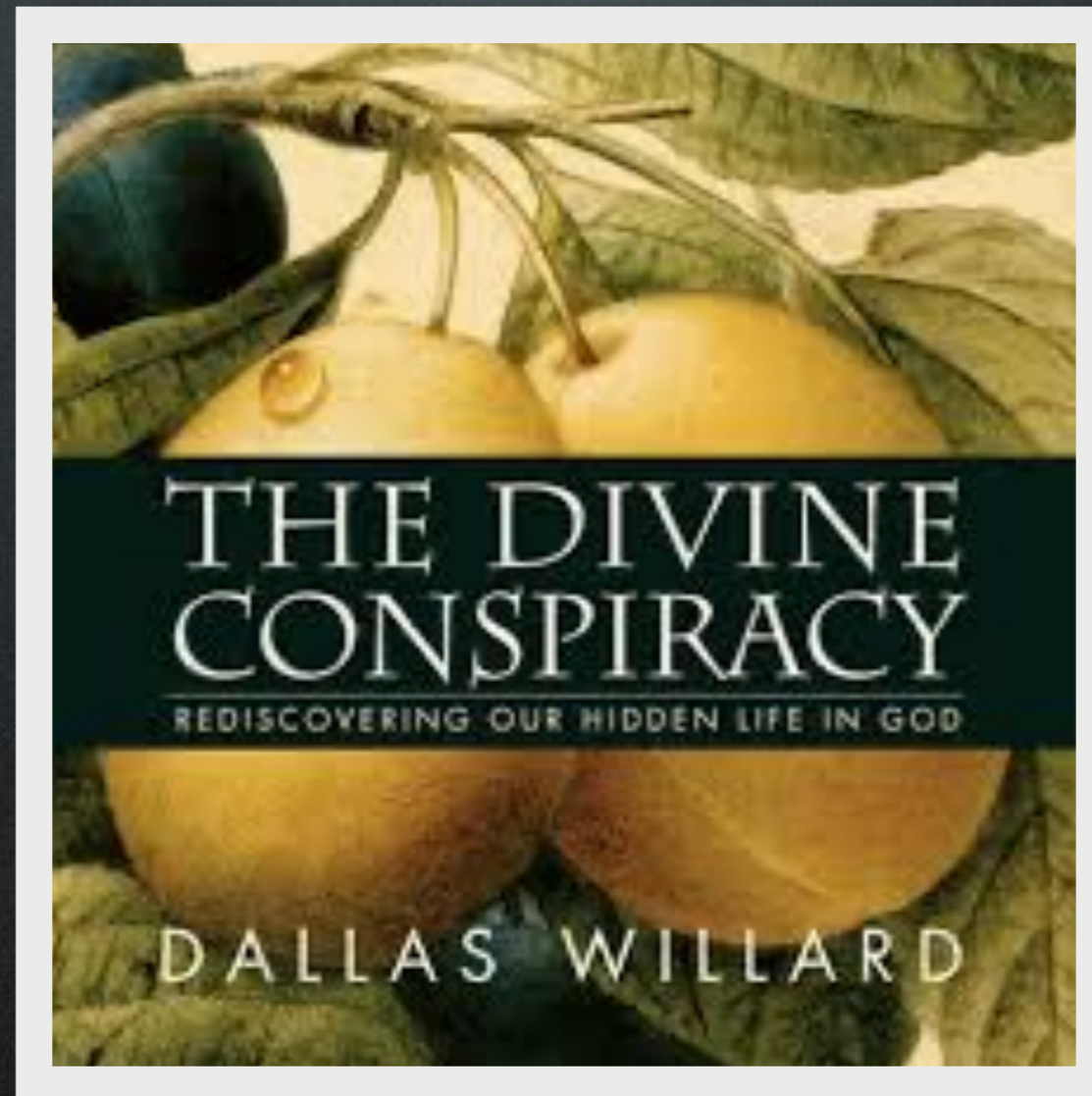




# THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY

Chapter 5 - "The Rightness of The Kingdom Heart:  
Beyond the Goodness of Scribes & Pharisees"

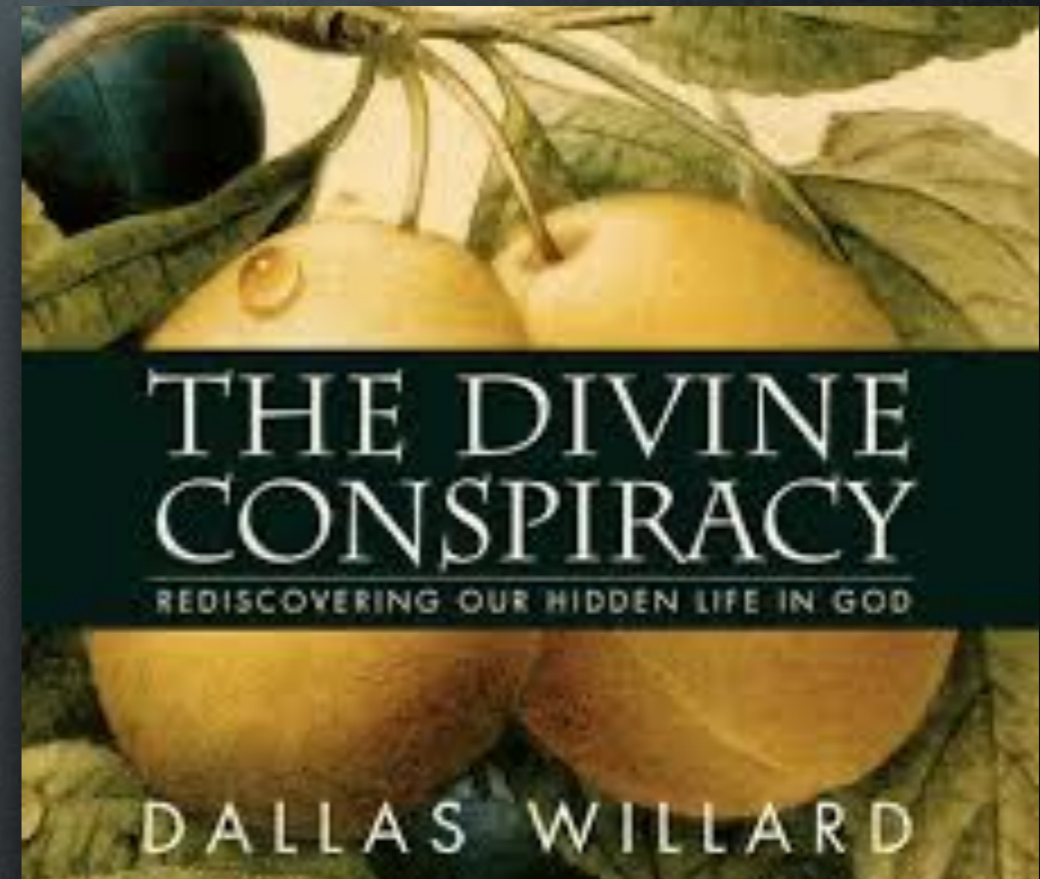
Session 15 - *"Fantasized Desire, Adultery & Divorce"*





## Session 14 Review

Standing in the Kingdom creates a “good heart” person who willfully sets aside self and its anger, contempt, and verbal evisceration to seek the good of others as a natural law of life.





There is nothing that can be done with anger  
that cannot be done better without it.

(151)



# **THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY**

*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. (160)

—> (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 suffering silently who don't attract the lusting look.

(161)



*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.

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

Anger + Contempt = destroyed marriage sex = fantasy  
Pornography involves contempt or disgust. (163-164)

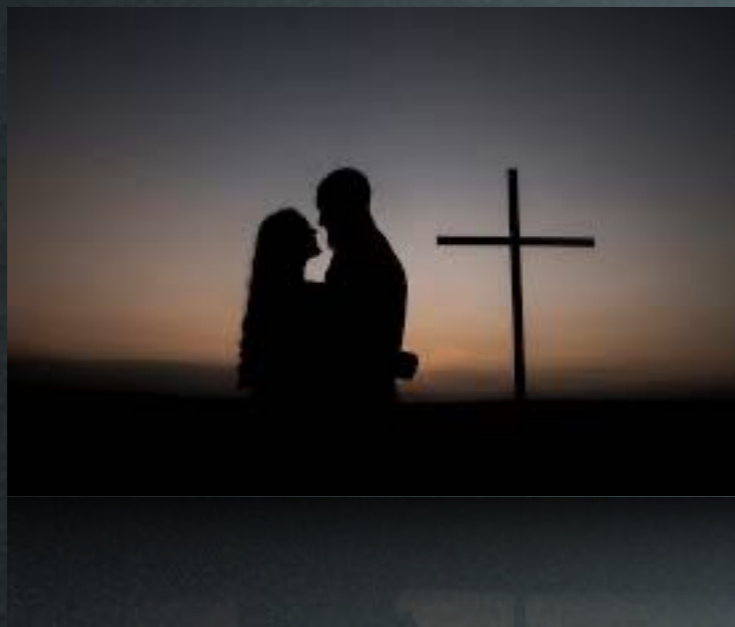
Thinking of or tempted by sex is not wrong versus looking with a purpose to desire - a desire to desire.

For many it is a chosen habit. They are not unwilling victims. It isn't like the law of gravity. (165)

*Attraction ~ Distraction ~ Action*







Intimacy is a spiritual hunger of the human soul...for it comes only within the framework of an individualized faithfulness within the Kingdom of God.

(163)







*A few words from Dallas...*

“Distinguish Thought of, Inclination to & Readiness to Sin”

[Session #11 \[50:15-52:10\]](#)

“Anyone who looks to lust.”

*“The Divine Conspiracy” Lectures*  
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See also — “Thought, Temptation & Sin”  
[“The Human Side of Holiness” #12 49:00-56:45](#)





## **“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 \[50:20-52:10\]](#)

*“The Divine Conspiracy” Lectures*



## **Reductio Absurdum of Rightness in Terms of Acts**

So if the command is to not look at another with the desire to lust, then just not allow yourself to be where the “other” is visible.

Am I therefore right sexually? Is this the way of The Kingdom Among Us? It cannot change who we are.

To eliminate the act by gouging or dismembering is the righteousness of scribes & Pharisees. You would roll into heaven a mutilated stump... but still could have a wicked heart. (167)

*“Out of the heart thoughts of evil proceed.” Mark 7:21*

The goodness of the kingdom heart is the positive love of God and of those around us that fills it and crowds out the many forms of evil. (168)





The deeper question always concerns who  
you are, not what you did do or can't do.

What *would* you do if you could?

(167)







## **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...*

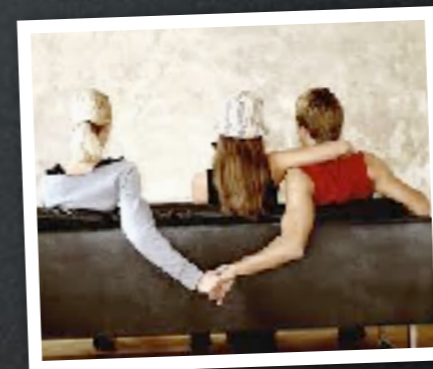
**HARD** or *Soft*







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



The resource of the Kingdom —  
Agape love — is the antidote.



# Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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



Q&A



**Meditation** — *Luke 22:15; James 1:14; II Peter 3:3*

## **Application**

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)





## Session 15 Summary

What is going on in the heart.”

The love of God...  
crowds out evil. <sup>1</sup>

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Agape love is the sure answer  
to lust. What you love,  
you'll treat lovingly. <sup>2</sup>

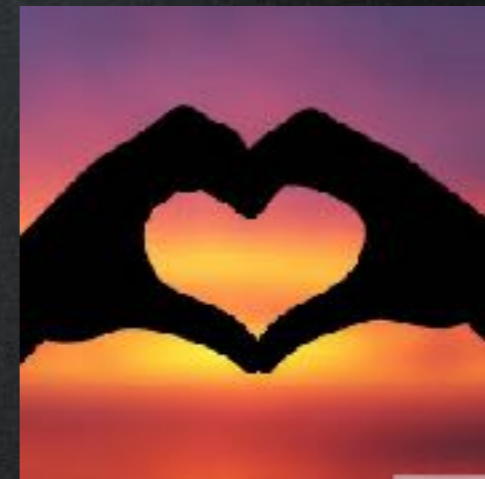
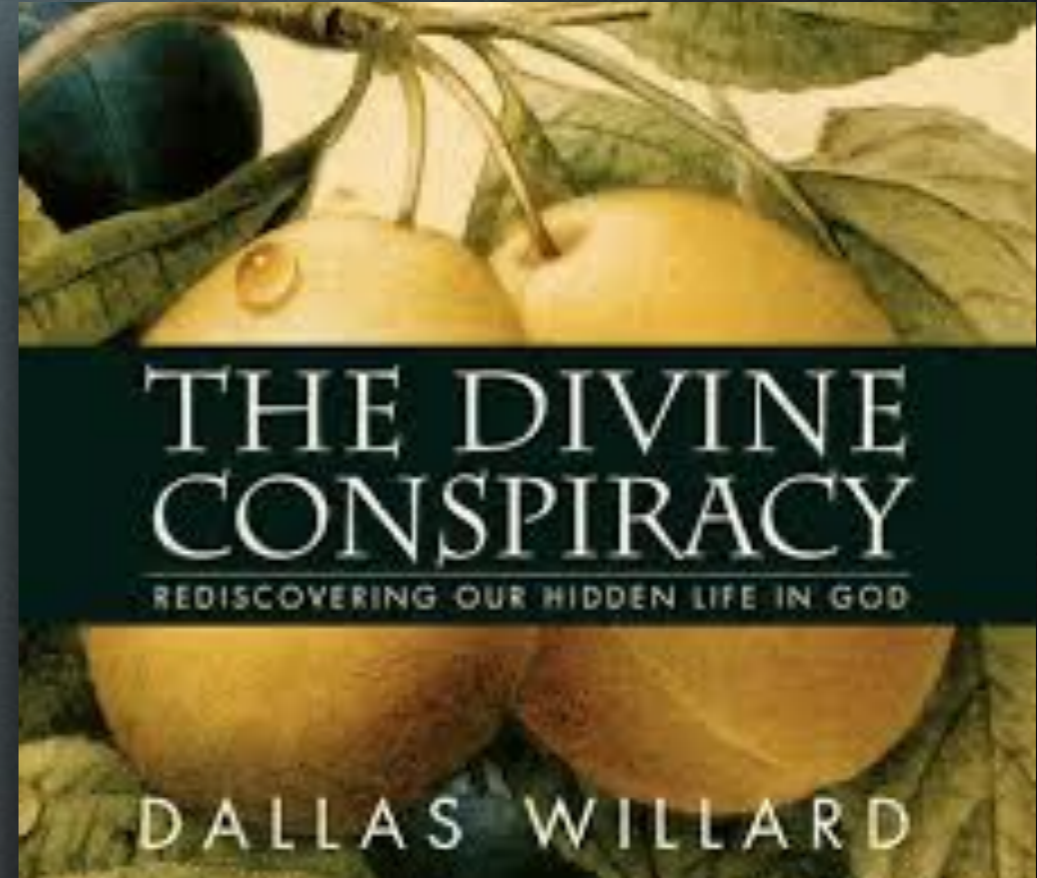
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## **Course Session 15 \* Recommended Teachings**

1.) “What is Lust?” and “Change in the Heart!”  
["The Divine Conspiracy" #11 48:00-1:00:45](#)

[Lecture Notes in Jesus College Library](#)

2.) “Thought, Temptation & Sin”  
[“The Human Side of Holiness” #12 49:00-56:45](#)

\* See the Course reading schedule for related teachings



## **Next Week — Session 16**

Chapter 5 - The Rightness of The Kingdom Heart:  
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**“Transparent Words & Unquenchable Love”**

Matthew 5:33-48

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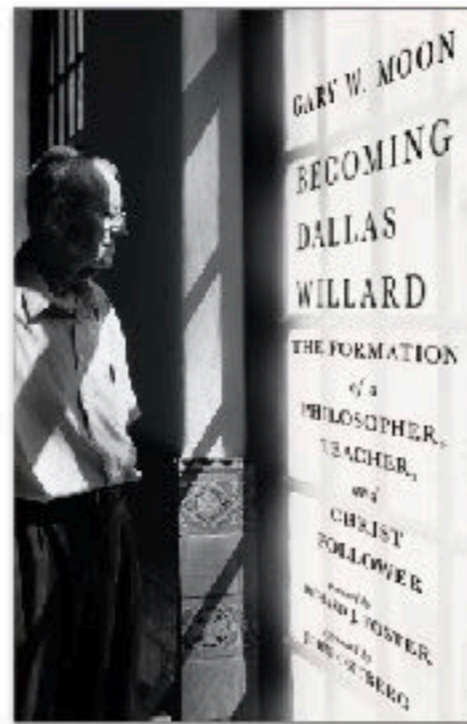
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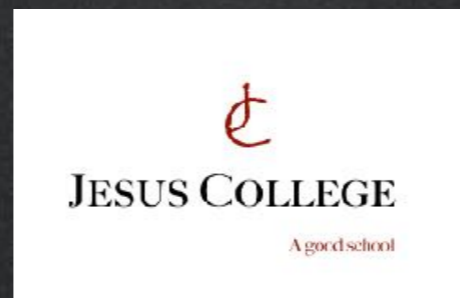


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