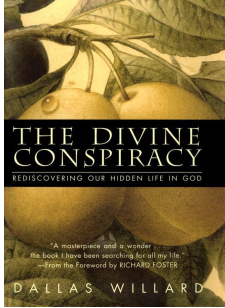


THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY – *An Overview* Study Guide



Have you ever wanted to read *The Divine Conspiracy* but felt a bit intimidated, or you started reading it and you could not get past chapter two? Join our six-week webinar highlighting key principles found in Dallas Willard’s groundbreaking, church awakening, award-winning book that unpacks history’s most profound teaching—the Sermon on the Mount—by history’s greatest teacher—Jesus.

Session 1 - What Jesus Means by Eternal Life (Chapters 1-3)

Session 2 - The Beatitudes Un-Puzzled (Chapter 4)

Session 3 - Being Salt & Light in Daily Life (Chapter 5)

Session 4 - Trusting Reputation & Resources on God (Chapter 6)

Session 5 - A Community of Prayerful Non-Condemnation (Chapter 7)

Session 6 - Becoming and Making Apprentices of Jesus (Chapters 8-10)

You do *not* have to read the entire book. Key sections of the book will be presented through interactive teaching, open Q&A, and practical application. A 23-page study guide and additional resources are provided for further personal integration and group study.

This free webinar is the 27th course offered by Jesus College (JesusCollege.com) engaging over 2650 participants in 56 countries. We trust the Holy Spirit will bring biblical and insightful teachings through Dallas to guide us further into our central purpose - Christlikeness.

You will be joined by fellow apprentices of Jesus from around the world forming an encouraging, supportive community of inspiration and accountability each week.

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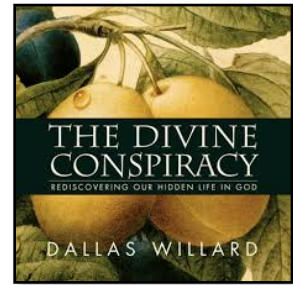


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Your “V-I-M”** Participation

We encourage you to make your course experience more than just a free webinar added to your Christian study routine. An intentional discipline for spiritual growth—ideally with a partner—to better learn, apply, and grow in Christlikeness, will provide a launch pad from the sessions.



Here are a few suggestions to maximize this course.

1) READ the designated section before each session. Capture notes in your book or electronically, reread the scriptures referenced, then review your notes again before the session.

2) INQUIRE - Bring questions to digest the content and engage the presenters & other students. Linger longer for the “Q&C” after each session.

3) VIEW - Enjoy (12) videos of Dallas Willard’s teaching series, “The Divine Conspiracy Lectures” on the [Dallas Willard Ministries YouTube channel](#). Here is a PDF of 125 pages of notes from [The Divine Conspiracy Lecture Series](#) in the [Jesus College Library](#). You will also find 17 other ready-to-learn courses, hundreds of resources and over 5500 pages of guides, slides, notes, and links to audio/video resources of Dallas Willard teachings.

5) RETREAT - As part of your practice, invest one hour weekly on a solo with Jesus discussing with Him your key discovery from the session.

6) REFLECT - At the end of the course, type or write a 300 word summary or journal entry recognizing the impact of the study and the vision of how it can, by God’s grace, form your spiritual growth in Christlikeness.

** V-I-M = *Vision-Intention-Means* — Dallas calls VIM the reliable pattern for spiritual change, or any change. As you envision a life of hearing God and truly intend to want to hear God, you will seek and find the means to practice a life of hearing God. For more on V-I-M, see *Renovation of the Heart*, chapter 5 ([Webinar on the book](#).) Another rich resource on V-I-M is in the [Life With God Bible](#) Introduction, xxv-xxxvi

2024 Session Dates & Reading Schedule

| DATE | SESSION | BOOK SECTION | SESSION TITLE |
|--|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| March 14 | Session 1 | Chapters 1-3 | Jesus on Eternal Life Now |
| - Suggested Reading: XVII; 5-6; 11-15 ; 27-28 ; 41-42; 58-59; 61-64; 79-82; 91-94 | | | |
| March 21 | Session 2 | Chapter 4 | The Beatitudes Un-Puzzled |
| - Suggested Reading: 97-98 ; 99-100; 105-107; 114; 125-127 | | | |
| March 28 | Session 3 | Chapter 5 | Being Salt & Light Daily |
| - Suggested Reading: 129-131; 134-135 ; 142-143; 147-149; 158 ; 180-181; 183-185 | | | |
| April 4 | Session 4 | Chapter 6 | Reputation & Resources of God |
| - Suggested Reading: 187-188 ; 200-201; 203; 207-208; 212; 213-214 | | | |
| April 11 | Session 5 | Chapter 7 | Community of Non-Condensation |
| - Suggested Reading: 215-217 ; 221-222; 231-232; 239-242; 250 ; 268-269 | | | |
| April 18 | Session 6 | Chapter 8-10 | Apprentice Makers |
| - Suggested Reading: 273 ; 282-284; 291; 299; 309-310; 312 ; 315-316; 321-322 ; 347; 354, 375-376; 386-387; 396; 399-400 | | | |

If you miss a session, want to study more, or teach others the material, recorded sessions + slides are posted in the [Jesus College Library](#) with many free Dallas Willard resources including 17 other Dallas Willard courses from Jesus College.

Session 1 - “What Jesus Means by Eternal Life”

Book Chapters 1-3

Suggested Reading: XVII; 5-6; **11-15; 27-28**; 41-42; 58-59; 61-64; 79-82; **91-94**

Theme — Apprentices of Jesus in Eternal Living - Matthew 4:17

The Invitation - *Word from a Different Reality* Chapter 1

A World Historical Force - *Doorway to Life that is truly life* (12-13) John 10:9-10 & 1:4

The Habitation of the Eternal = *the Kingdom of God Now at Hand* Colossians 3:1-4

The Ordinary (14) & The Eternal (58)

The Invitation Diminished *The Gospel on the Right & the Left* - Chapter 2

The Case of the Missing Teacher - *Learning how to live our lives like Jesus* (58)

The Invitation Experienced *A God Bathed World* - Chapter 3

God's Joyous Being - *Our inconceivably beautiful and good world* (62-64)

The Spiritual Reality - *Our Spirit/Will is central* (79-80) *and substantial* (80-82)

Jesus Master of Intellect Colossians 2:3 (91-95)

Session 1 Meditation & Application Colossians 1:15-17; 2:1-3; 9-10

1. Is Jesus a sufficient guide and mentor in my ordinary life of money, love, business, housing?
Do I think and pray like He has all “wisdom and knowledge”? (Colossians 2:3)
2. What does God’s governance over my life mean to me? (A major theme in the book)
3. What will I do to “enroll with serious intent in Jesus’ school of life”? (93)



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Session 2 - “The Beatitudes Un-Puzzled”

Book Chapter 4

Suggested Reading: 97-98; 99-100; 105-107; 114; 125-127

Theme — The Direct Availability of the Kingdom Among Us - Matthew 5:2

The Beatitudes Un-Puzzled (100)

Spiritual Zeros under Heaven’s Care (100-102) Matthew 4:19-23

The Beatitudes - Explanations and Illustrations, not Legalism’s How-To’s (106)

Jesus the Teacher - *How & What & Why He Taught His Way*

How - Contextually & Concretely (107)

What - Correct prevailing assumptions - *to challenge worldview* (107)

Why - Aimed his sayings at hearts and habits in daily life (114)

The Beatitudes - Their Purpose (114-122) made Personal (122-127)

God’s grubby people in the Kingdom among us (125)

Salt & Light - *The only ones who can actually make the world work.* (125)

Meditation & Application

Matthew 5:1-13

1. How does my belief put me in a place to engineer my way into God’s good graces?
2. What about Jesus as a Teacher strikes me - what he said, how he said it, why he said it?
3. How am I cultivating my “quietly transforming friendship with Jesus”? (124)



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Session 3 - “Being Salt & Light Daily”

Book Chapter 5

Suggested Reading: 129-131; **134-135**; 142-143; 147-149; **158**; 180-181; **183-185**

Theme — Agape Love: True Inner Goodness - Matthew 5:20

Master of Moral Understanding (129-139)

Jesus knows how to enable people to be good (129-130)

The Brilliance of Jesus - *One Final Look* (134 and 55, 93-95)

The Law & The Soul (139-147) Matthew 5:17-20

Righteousness - “Dikaiousune” = *True Inner Goodness* (145)

Salt & Light in Six Areas of Daily Life - Matthew 5:21-48

Anger & Contempt - *The first and fundamental step of a Kingdom heart* (147)

Fantasized Desire

Hardness of Heart Divorce

Transparent Words

Non-Retaliation

Love for Enemies

The Kingdom Heart - Agape (133, 137, 143, 147, 156, 157, 158, 182, 183, 184, 185)

Living the Great Inversion (178, 88, 90) - *Not as Jesus did but as He was* (183)

Meditation & Application Mark 7:21-23; II Peter 3:18

1. What is the condition of tenderness of my heart? (172)
2. Honestly, how angry am I? How conditioned are my body, my mouth, my spirit to be angry?
3. What Kingdom resources can I engage to resolve difficulties in my closest relationships? (172)



The Divine Conspiracy Lecture [#7 @ 10:25-16:35](#) & [#10 @ 06:50-19:15](#)

Session 4 - “Reputation & Resources of God”

Book Chapter 6

Suggested Reading: **187-188**; 200-201; 203; 207-208; 212; 213-214

Theme — Kingdom Trust - Matthew 6:33

Reputation — The Respectability Trap - Matthew 6:1-18 - Salt & Light Area #7

Who is your audience?

1st - Not hide our good deeds (189)

2nd - What we expect from our action (190)

Means of Grace - Disciplines of Giving, Praying, Fasting - *The Discipline of Secrecy* (200)

Ineffective Gathered Christians - *The aim of human approval* (202)

Resource — The Bondage of Wealth - Matthew 6:19-34 - Salt & Light Area #8

Treasure - *Spirit, Will, Dignity* Matthew 6:19-20 (203)

Life from the Heart Matthew 6:21-24 (206-208)

“Now” (208 - 8 times) “The Kingdom Among Us” (208 + 33 times more in the book)

Worth & Worry - *Trust God* Matthew 6:25-34

The character of divine love (212)

“In this world you will have trouble...” John 16:33 (213)

Session 4 Meditation & Application John 5:36-44; Philippians 4:4-7

1. Who am I trying to impress? Why do their opinions matter so much to me?
2. What is one action through which I will practice the Discipline of Secrecy this week?
3. What treasures uncover idols in my life? How can I fast from it/them in an easy, experimental way, ideally with joy? What is God revealing about trusting and treasuring His Kingdom?



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Session 5 - “Community of Non-Condensation”

Book Chapter 7

Suggested Reading: 215-217; 221-222; 231-232; 239-242; 250; 268-269

Theme — Living the Golden Rule - Matthew 7:12

No Condemnation Matthew 7:1-12 *Kingdom Agape toward others* (217)

Abandon Condemning & Blaming (217)

Who Can “Correct” — *Confirmed Sin...by the Mature...to Restore...without Contempt*

Condemnation with Anger & Contempt = Shame (221-222)

When Good Things Becomes Deadly Matthew 7:6 - Dogs & Hogs (228-231)

The Request — The Heart of Community Matthew 7:7-12 (231-239)

The Dynamic of the Request through The Continuum of Prayer

On Not Getting What We Ask For - 1) Under our control 2) Not under our control

Prayer in the Cosmic Setting - “Kingdom Praying” (249-250)

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| 1.) Prayer = Request | 4.) A Universe Responsive to Personality |
| 2.) Praying Life | 5.) Training Us to Reign |
| 3.) Changing God | 6.) Waiting for God to move |
| | 7.) God’s Dignity |

The Grandest Prayer of All - Matthew 6:9-13 - *5 Requests in the Lord’s Prayer* (253- 269)

- i. Hallowed be Thy Name (258)
- ii. Thy Kingdom Come (260)
- iii. Give Daily Bread Daily (261)
- iv. Don’t Punish Us for Wrong (264-265)
- v. Don’t Put us to the Test (265)

Meditation & Application Romans 8:1 *applied like Galatians 6:1*

1. What is/was the presence of condemnation in my family? Marriage? Work?
2. What are the top 3 obstacles to me “talking to God about what you are doing together”?
3. Praying the Lord’s Prayer one morning, lunch and evening. Focus on a word or phrase.



The Divine Conspiracy Lecture [Session 12 @ 29:40-40:12](#)

Session 6 - “Apprentice Makers”

Book Chapters 8-10

Suggested Reading: 273; 282-284; 291; 299; 309-310; 312; 315-316; 321-322; 347; 354
375-376; 386-387; 396; 399-400

Theme — Make Disciples and Teach Them to Obey My Commands - Matthew 28:18-20

Who is Our Teacher? - Chapter 8 - *Students constantly seek to be in His presence.* Col. 3:17

How to Be & Become a Disciple - *Doing what Jesus does or become who Jesus is.* (282-283)

“I am learning how to live my life as He would live my life if He were I.”

Help Others Find Their Way into Discipleship - *Becoming Apprentice Makers*

Be Disciples - *If we would make disciples, we should be disciples.* (299)

Changing People’s Real Beliefs - *Ravishing them with a vision of life in the kingdom.* (305)

The Only Way Forward - *“The purposes of God will eventually be realized.”* (310)

A Curriculum of Christlikeness - Chapter 9 *“Do what I say”* Matthew 7:24-25, 28:20

The Case of the Missing Teacher...Again *Face this fact and change it.”* (316)

Getting Clear on Two Primary Objectives

I. Enthralling the Mind with God (321) II. Acquiring Habits of Goodness (341-352)

The Golden Triangle of Spiritual Growth: *Holy Spirit, Real Life & Planned Disciplines*

The Restoration of All Things - Chapter 10 (375-400) I John 3:1-2

Why We Must See God’s Future for Us - *As good and as large as God Himself.* (375-376)

Meditation & Application Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 12:1-2

1. “Who teaches you? Whose disciple are you? Honestly.” (271)

2. *“I am learning how to live my life as He would live my life if He were I.”*

How might this impact my role in everyday life at home and work?

3. How is this fresh hearing of the Kingdom Among Us changing me as an Apprentice of Jesus?

4. How big is God’s future for me and those whom I love?



The Divine Conspiracy Lectures [#11 1:00:50-1:08:00](#) [#4 1:23:45-1:27:50](#)

Additional Resources for *The Divine Conspiracy*

The [Jesus College Library](#) offers 85 free resources on *The Divine Conspiracy* including [The Divine Conspiracy book Study Guide](#) (43 page PDF), a full 31-session, in-depth course, plus video links to two teaching presentations by Dallas.

You will also find (7) Sermon on the Mount resources in the [Jesus College Library “Teaching Tools”](#) including a “Worry Free Living” presentation.

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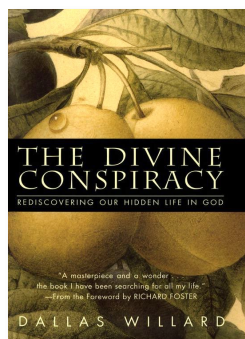
“Saddle Up” the Sermon on the Mount - Practice One Daily for 30 Days

| <u>Command (30)</u> | <u>Discipline(s)</u> |
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| Matthew 5-7 | Listen to and/or read the text once daily |
| Salt | Speak “Salt” Hourly; Act “Salt” Hourly; Identify trampled others |
| Light | Planned Kindness; Perform Secrecy Acts anonymously |
| Practice/Teach Commands | Psalms/Proverbs Memorization; “Law Practice” - OT & Modern Day |
| Be reconciled | Altar halt; “Alternate Dispute Resol. (ADR); Planned Appeasement |
| Not look to lust | One eye/hand Day; “My sister/My brother” prayers for pretty & not |
| Divorce | Pray for/serve the Divorced; Study Marriage scriptures |
| Oaths/Not swear | “Yes or No” - One word answers for the day |
| Turn the Cheek | Not have last word; Avoid withdrawal; Stifle Sarcasm |
| Coat | Clothing Donation; Repeat wearing outfits |
| 2nd Mile | Intentional Service; Use a Cane/Crutch/Wheelchair for the day |
| Give & Loan | \$ Donation; Seek Borrower(s) |
| Love Enemies | Keep score of how much you’re keeping score |
| Be perfect | Pray “Father, as you will”; Seek moments to act perfect |
| Giving | Secrecy; Tithe for a period; Bless strangers |
| Prayer | Practice few word prayers; Pray out loud privately |
| Lord’s Prayer | Breathe it for a day; Recite Hourly |
| Fasting | Fast - 1 meal or 1 day; “Fast Driving Fast” |
| Treasures | Generosity; Simplicity Living period (day, week) |
| Eye Lamp | Alter (altar) viewing of TV, reading, internet |
| One Master | Celebration/Gratitude; Spending Freeze Days |
| No Worries | Creation Walks; “Pagan Run” self evaluation |
| Kingdom Seeking | “Thy Kingdom Come”; Kneel; Drive in the slow lane; Worry-ometer |
| Don’t Judge | Log Eye List; Extended Solitude |
| Pearl Pelting | No Opinion Zone; Extended Silence |
| A.S.K.-Ask, Seek, Knock | “Didn’t Ask = Don’t Tell”; Ask “Your thoughts?”; Asking Prayers |
| Golden Rule | “How may I serve you?”; Myself List & Myself-less |
| Narrow Gate | Gate/road sightings walk; Make a list of personal/spiritual gates |
| Wolf Hunting | My “Fruit” definitions; Modern day wolves |
| Father’s Will | Intentional Obedience/Sacrifice; Read “Father” scriptures |
| Rock House Practice | Audio Bible Texts; “Storm Tossed Watch” self evaluation |

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** - DC = ["The Divine Conspiracy" series, Harvey Fellows 2007 Summer Institute](#)



[Dallas' Granddaughter Larissa's Eulogy for Dallas](#)



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- 1.) [12 Video Sessions - Dallas Willard Ministries YouTube Channel](#)
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THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY 365

A daily read through Dallas Willard’s *The Divine Conspiracy*
by Doug Webster

INTRODUCTION

Here are 365 gems from a life altering, world changing, eternity revealing treatise on what Dallas Willard presents as the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ — access to life in the Kingdom of God Among Us now at hand. Willard intends to elevate the most intelligent, smartest person in history to His rightful and appropriate position as history’s greatest and most profound Master Teacher.

The objective of *The Divine Conspiracy* (“The Book”) is to help the reader as an Apprentice of Jesus, “Learn how to live my life as He would live my life if He were I.” (p. 282) Through this transformational training, you and I will become the kind of people who will naturally and readily do what Jesus commanded. In so doing, we will become a Kingdom Man, a Kingdom Woman, a prince or princess of the King and sibling of the Savior who lives the Sermon on the Mount. In so doing, God will raise up a trinitarian community of love with God at the center. Kingdom Families and Kingdom Communities as Churches will form naturally.

The Content — The Book is divided into 365 “Sections”. Each of the sections are direct quotes from The Book. There are approximately 390 pages in the hardback, so each Section is portions from about 1 1/2 pages of The Book.

The Reflection — Each section offers a few words, most often in the form of questions, for you to consider how to live out a message drawn from the particular part of The Book. The form of the reflection is drawn from one of the three key areas of application from The Book, namely the V-I-M: Vision - Intention - Means. To best reflect upon what you read is to enact Dallas Willard’s definition of “repent: think about your thinking. Have a thought about your thoughts in the light of this new fact that the rule of God is now immediately available for you to live in.” To better repent is to move the word solely from its common, if not sole position in “guilt”, (although that may accompany your reflection), to a place of “growth” in grace. To grow in grace to more effectively and fruitfully repent requires a much broader, richer understanding of what grace means. That requirement can be found most powerfully and practically in your journey through The Book.

The Journey — I consider The Book to be the second best book ever published, second to what has often times been called The Big Book - The Bible. I recommend readers not simply read the *The Divine Conspiracy*, but as some have suggested as can be the case with other wise, insightful, challenging great writers like C.S. Lewis — “receive the book”. To receive a book takes time. For that reason, you now have a guide to spend the next year reading through The Book. I go as far to advise you spend the next decade reading it. If this is your first time through *The Divine Conspiracy*, you will build a strong foundation of life with Jesus through his Sermon on the Mount upon which you can expand another nine years. Remember, the purpose is to become more like Jesus Christ not finish reading a book.

Maximizing the Journey — A final recommendation: Take three things along with you for the next year: The Bible, a Journal, and a Friend or three. Keep the Word of God — The Big Book, the best book ever published — close at hand, literally referring back and forth as you see Dallas reference scripture. Journaling may be as simple as notes in the margin of The Book’s printed pages. Journaling may be a written prayer following your reading. A bound notebook or adding lined pages to a 3 ring notebook are two simple and affordable ways to maximize your journey. Of course, typing your thoughts into a software program for posterity and future study will offer you accessible means by which to re-visit your observations, especially months later, through an easy word search in your document. A third recommendation is to not take the journey solo. Invite a friend to be your “Emmaus Partner” as you two (or few) walk with Emmanuel inviting Him to reveal everything about Himself in the Scriptures. (Luke 24:13-32)

The Invitation — This 365 day format is intentionally simple. The Book’s content is deep and challenging enough. In the simplicity of a daily layout, you are offered clarity, brevity, and manageability to flesh out mere Christlikeness over the next year. Consider the word “mere” defined as “that is solely or no more or better than what is specified.” It can also present “the smallest or slightest.” When you place the word “Mere” before the word “Christianity” you realize there is tremendous depth of understanding to clarify something to its “mere” level, for it becomes not smaller, but more defined in Vision, more direct in Intention, and more daily in Means of application. The “mere” form becomes the case where there is no more or better way to present than what is already specified.

The Prayer — It is my prayer before the King that you will find the same enriched, life changing, fresh hearing of Jesus as I and countless others have following as an Apprentice after the Master through *The Divine Conspiracy*. I pray your daily prayer will be merely, “Our Father, your Kingdom come, your will be done in and through me today as it is in the Heavens where you reign, where what you want done is done.”

- SAMPLE ROUGH DRAFT - “Day 1- 22” -
created by Doug Webster for ministry purposes, not for sale

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Sample of Day One is on the next page

THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY 365

DAY ONE

THE BIG BOOK — “God’s care for humanity was so great that He sent His unique Son among us, so that those who count on Him might not lead a futile and failing existence, but have the undying life of God Himself.” (John 3:16 paraphrase) (The Book, p.1)

THE BOOK — Life in the Dark (p. 1-2)

“Recently a pilot was practicing high-speed maneuvers in a jet fighter. She turbid the controls for what she thought was a steep ascent — and flew straight into the ground. She was unaware that she had been flying upside down.

This is a parable of human existence in our times—not exactly that everyone is crashing, though there is enough of that—but most of us as individuals, and world society as a whole, live at high-speed and often with no clue, to whether we are flying upside down or right-side up. Indeed, we are haunted by a strong suspicion that there may be no difference— or at least that it is unknown or irrelevant.”

THE REFLECTION — Vision

When I look at my own life, what do I see from inside my cockpit and equally important, from the outside looking in?

How fast am I flying through life?

What does right-side up look like for me?

Do I even know which end is up, and if not, does it matter to me, I mean really matter?

More Courses & Resources from Jesus College

“The Divine Conspiracy - An Overview” course is the 27th course offered by Jesus College engaging more than 2650 participants from 56 countries! The courses are available in the expanding [Jesus College Library](#) with over 435 free resources to enhance your Christlikeness including (18) complete, ready-to-learn courses.

[The Divine Conspiracy](#) - (2) courses

The Divine Conspiracy - In-depth, extended study of the book (31 sessions)

“The Divine Conspiracy - An Overview” highlighting key principles (6 sessions)

[Renovation of the Heart](#) - (1) course on the book (13 sessions)

Renovation of the Heart - Whole Life Spiritual Transformation

[Courses on Dallas' Books](#) - (6) courses

The Spirit of the Disciplines - Understanding How God Changes Lives (11 sessions)

Hearing God - Developing a Conversational Relationship with God (10 sessions)

The Allure of Gentleness - Apologetics in the Manner of Jesus (7 sessions)

Knowing Christ Today - Knowledge of Jesus for Daily Life (8 session)

Life Without Lack - Living the 23rd Psalm (9 sessions)

Becoming Dallas Willard - biography (9 sessions)

[Courses on Dallas Speaking](#) - (9) courses from (9) teaching series by Dallas

“The Human Side of Holiness” - 5 days at Denver Seminary (17 sessions)

“For Such a Time as This” - 3 teachings on Ministry Leadership (6 sessions)

“Jesus Worldview” - 2 Dallas teachings (3 sessions)

“The Genius of Jesus” - 2 teachings at Ohio State University (4 sessions)

“The Problem of Evil” - 3 sessions focused on 3 chapters from Dallas’ books

“Spiritual Formation & Salvation” - 1 teaching at Wheaton College (3 sessions)

“Jesus, Dallas & NT - The Gospel” - 3 sessions including NT Wright’s teachings

“Jesus, Dallas & NT: The Book of Acts” - 4 sessions including NT Wright’s teachings

“Advent with Dallas Willard” - 3 sessions on a sermon and devotionals by Dallas

[Speaking Sessions](#) - 51 Dallas Willard resources featuring 117 teaching sessions with 785+ pages of notes (general Dallas speaking *not* Jesus College courses).

“Master’s in the Master” Spiritual Transformation Training

The Jesus College “Master's in the Master” is a clear, realistic, practical method to foster “Christlikeness” in ordinary people who take transformation seriously. *This is not an accredited degree.* The Master’s offers you a Jesus centered, wisdom guided, community* engaged, mentor** supported, daily life integrated, spiritual growth plan.

CURRICULUM — The Master’s is built on (15) courses varying in length from 3 to 31 sessions per course based on the books and teachings of Dallas Willard. Choose from a syllabus of (18) courses {on the previous page} ready-to-watch today in the JesusCollege.com library. Some courses will be offered again “live” throughout the year.

CALENDAR & TIME - The Master’s is an individually paced time frame based on when you start and how often you participate in “live” courses or watch recordings of the sessions. We use the word “cohort” but there is not a set group - “no freshman class” - nor pre-set time to commence or complete your Master’s. This is an independent study and growth training effort. We estimate for serious participation 3+ hours per week over a timespan equal to the 3+ years Jesus walked with His disciples. *3+ hours weekly for 3+ years.* Again, this is your preferred pace NOT according to a Jesus College calendar or semester syllabus.

COMMUNITY* — We are seeking the platforms to facilitate connection with other students to engage and enjoy rich diversity of Jesus’ friends from 48 countries involved in Jesus College.

COST — The “Master’s” training is offered for FREE by Jesus College. Additional personal coaching, church consulting and training, teaching or preaching at your location or virtual venue are available from Jesus College at pre-determined costs between the two parties. Financial donations are also welcomed for those who want to help further the impact of Jesus College.

COMMENTS from Jesus College Students:

- Cath from Australia, “I had another look at the website link - WOW! Amazing syllabus and I’m excited about the 3 years walk with Jesus.”
- Tony from England, “In brief, these courses have changed my view on discipleship. I feel myself a new creation.”
- Pastor Oladipo from Lagos, Nigeria, “I’ve participated in all the courses except one. It has impacted my ministry strongly because we are fine tuning our church to become a church who really does what Jesus said. The whole experience has been personally transforming for me personally and in my ministry. In time we can become the example of the kind of church Dallas has said he has never seen.”
- Judy from Virginia, “I’m definitely interested and I’ve loved everything you have offered. Everything! The idea of experiencing this with other people face-to-face is very appealing to me.”
- Don from Canada, “This Jesus College vision is on the leading edge for the future of the Christian community.”

For information on the courses, a plan worksheet for your custom Master’s V-I-M, or a personal consult** with Doug Webster to discuss your desired spiritual training and growth, email us — info@JesusCollege.com.

Jesus College Postscript

Thank you and God bless you for venturing further up, further in the Kingdom Among Us. We trust you received a fresh hearing of Jesus through the minds and souls of a humble follower of Jesus in Dallas Willard alongside a cadre of the crucifixion of friends from around the world. May your quietly transforming, conversational friendship with God immersed in the Trinitarian community be pervaded with joy, relaxed with shalom, and filled with agape, as you become the kind of apprentice of Jesus who willfully seeks the good of God, others and yourself.

For more resources to follow Jesus with Dallas Willard’s wise, warm, winsome teaching:

[Dallas Willard Ministries](#)

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The Study Guide work was prepared by Doug Webster of Jesus College. We welcome your comments, suggestions and ideas on how we might better help you strengthen your conversational apprenticeship with Jesus in the With-God life..

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