



WELCOME to “The Humans Side of Holiness”
by Dallas Willard
a 17-session Course sponsored by




Session 12 Summary

Practicing spiritual disciplines of solitude, silence, frugality and chastity by grace as means of grace form our thoughts, inclination, consents, and behavior to train us away from selfish desire and into Christlikeness – doing the things Jesus said.



SESSION 13 — DISCIPLINES: WHAT WE CAN LEARN & THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

 **Session Theme** — “Jesus has the best answers to life’s most important questions and the power to form you to be one who lives a Kingdom righteous life.”

“Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Scribes and the Pharisees, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.” Matthew 5:20

How Does One Practice the Disciplines?

1. Decide to live as Jesus' Student

You can't get very far just messing with disciplines.

You are now a student and you are learning.

2. Begin trying to obey His teachings.

When you do that, you will fail.

So, you're next step is...

3. Observe why you fail.

If you are unable to do it, there is a reason why.

4. Do in reliance upon the Spirit what will remove the causes of the failure.

Remember, a discipline is something in your power that you do to enable yourself to do what you can't do by direct effort.

Things Great Teachers Must Teach

Life's Four Greatest Questions

1. What is the nature of reality?
2. Who is well off? Blessed? Living the good life?
3. Who is a “really good” person?
4. How to become a really good person?

#2 & #3 are answered in the Sermon on the Mount.

#1 is answered just before. #4 is compelled throughout.

“Everyone who hears my words and puts them into practice...”

“4M IQ” – Life’s Four Most Important Questions

Q1 - What is reality?

A - God in His Kingdom.

“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

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

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

“Blessed are the _____, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Q3 - Who is a really good person?

A - Anyone pervaded with agape love. Mark 12:30-31

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

Q4 - How do you become a really good person?

A - Become an apprentice of Jesus.

“Everyone who hears my words and puts them into practice is like a
wise man...”



The “4M IQ” — Most Important Questions

So now, these are the four great questions.

Our basic issue here is “the human side of holiness” and it's now coming into how to teach someone to do the things that Jesus said.

The Sermon on the Mount

There's a large segment of our own Christian fellowships that just think you can't do it. And that's a fairly routine assumption about the Sermon on the Mount. That the law was given to defeat you real good, and that Jesus is meaner than Moses.

Jesus in His teachings, especially in the the Sermon on the Mount, is not concerned with guilt. He is concerned with goodness, and how to enter into it.



The Sermon on the Mount

Where is your “Blessedness”? (Answer to “4MIQ” #2)

They must be righteous to be blessed.

If they are blessed, they must be righteous.

Kingdom Righteousness & Entering the “Heavens”

“For I say to you that unless your righteousness far surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:20

Interactive with the invisible landscape.

“Surpasses” ≠ “More of the same”.

It means a different kind, a different category.

The invisible landscape of the spirit, of the heart.

“Heavens” is not where you go when you die.

The Sermon on the Mount

The First of Six Illustrations — “Murder & Anger”
Matthew 5:21-26

These illustrations are contrasts between the righteousness of the Scribes and the Pharisees and the righteousness of the Kingdom of the Heavens. He has moved further and further from the overt action into the heart.

A teaching on anger & contempt when your will is crossed and love & justice in the righteousness of the Kingdom, where God is acting.

Go beyond action and into the heart, to move from justice for justice to justice for love.



A few words from Dallas...



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“Acting out of Kingdom power not legalistic fear.”

“You have to understand that when Jesus gives the Sermon on the Mount, He is not giving laws. He's not saying this is what you must always do. He is talking to you about what the person who is at home in the Kingdom of God will characteristically do when the occasion is right.

We talked earlier about we have to make judgments. If you don't make judgments with Jesus's teachings, you will turn them into legalisms and they will kill you. So you have to understand these are expressions of how people who are alive in the Kingdom of God characteristically behave, not because they're trying to get something, but because they've already got it. They've already got it! And then out of the abundance of what they have, they act. They do not act out of scarcity, out of fear, out of weakness. They act out of strength, out of fullness, out of confidence. And by doing that, they enter into a power that is so great that we can speak of the Kingdom advancing among human beings.” Dallas, Session 13 @ 42:12



Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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



Q&A

80:00 + 10K

Meditation — *Matthew 5:20-26*

V-I-M in your next 10,000 minutes...

VISION — Do I see myself as a seriously devoted apprentice of the Master Jesus?

INTENTION — Do I think I can live the Sermon on the Mount, and do I want to?

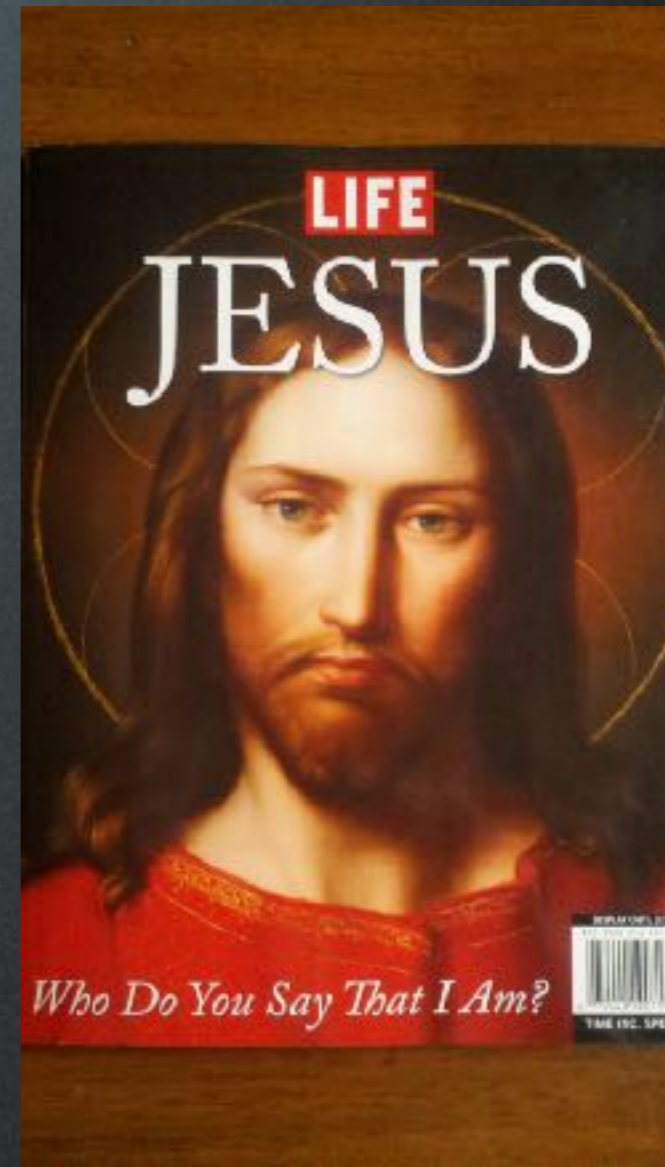
MEANS — What practice will I engage this week to “lay aside anger”?



† Cross Fit

Session 13 Summary

Find the smartest person who ever lived then choose to be His student learning how to live life the way He did characteristically at home in the Kingdom of God.



Next Week — Session 14

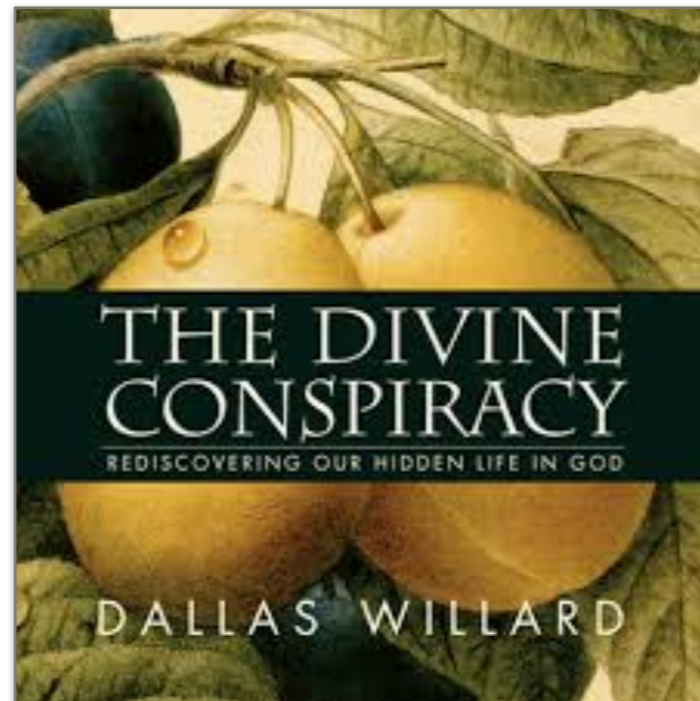
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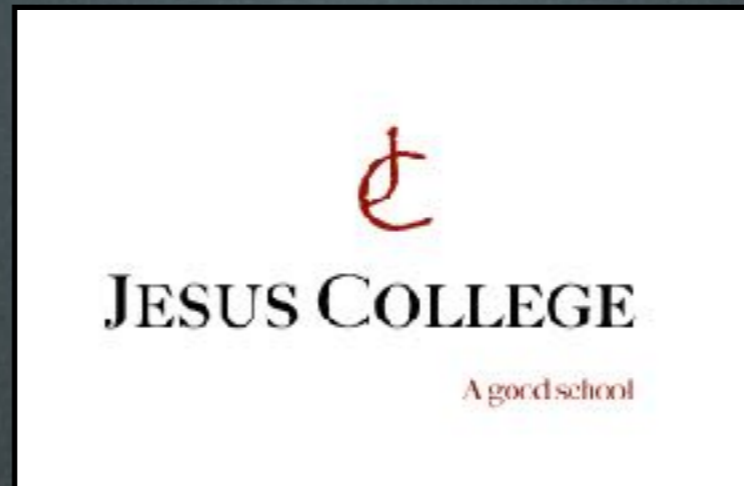
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