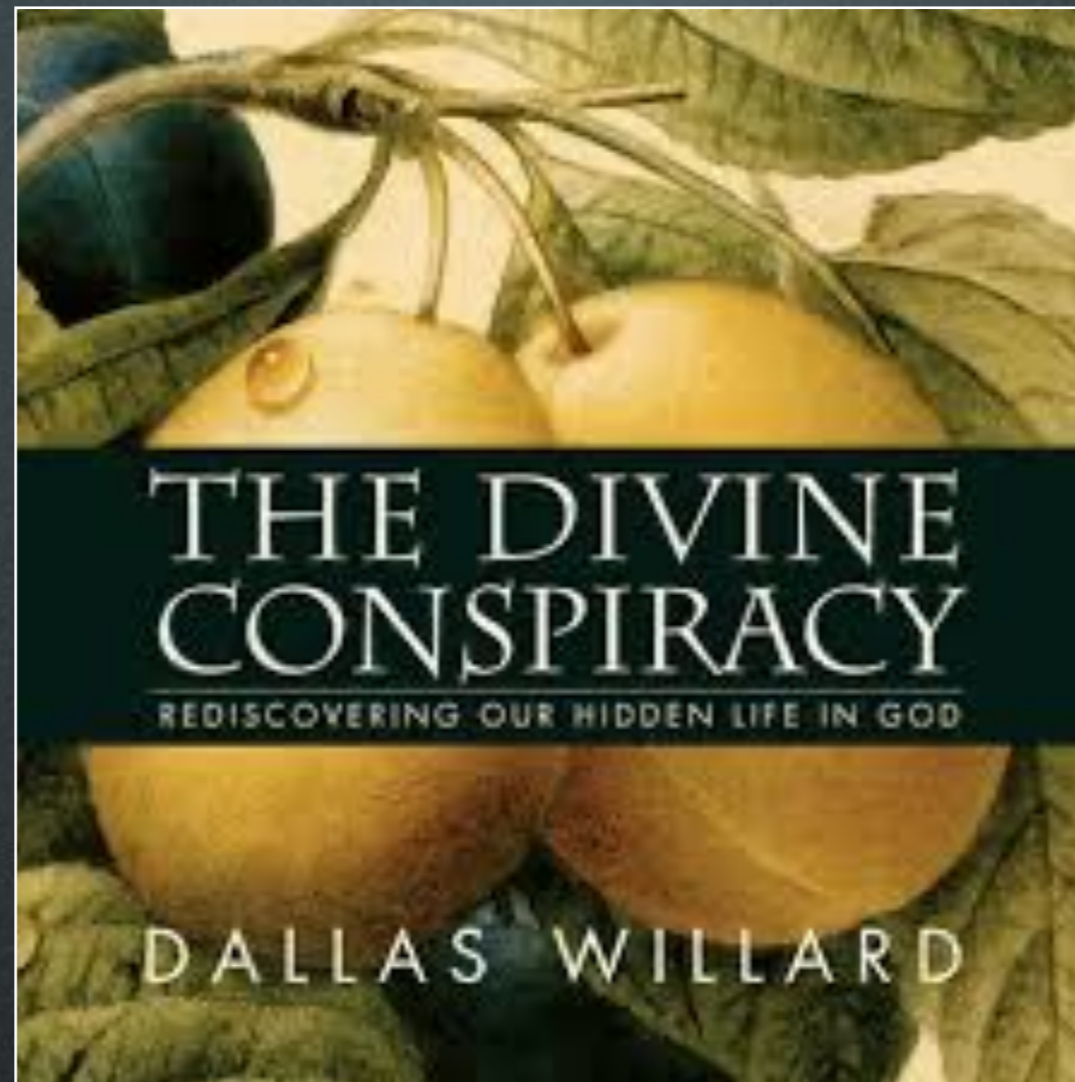


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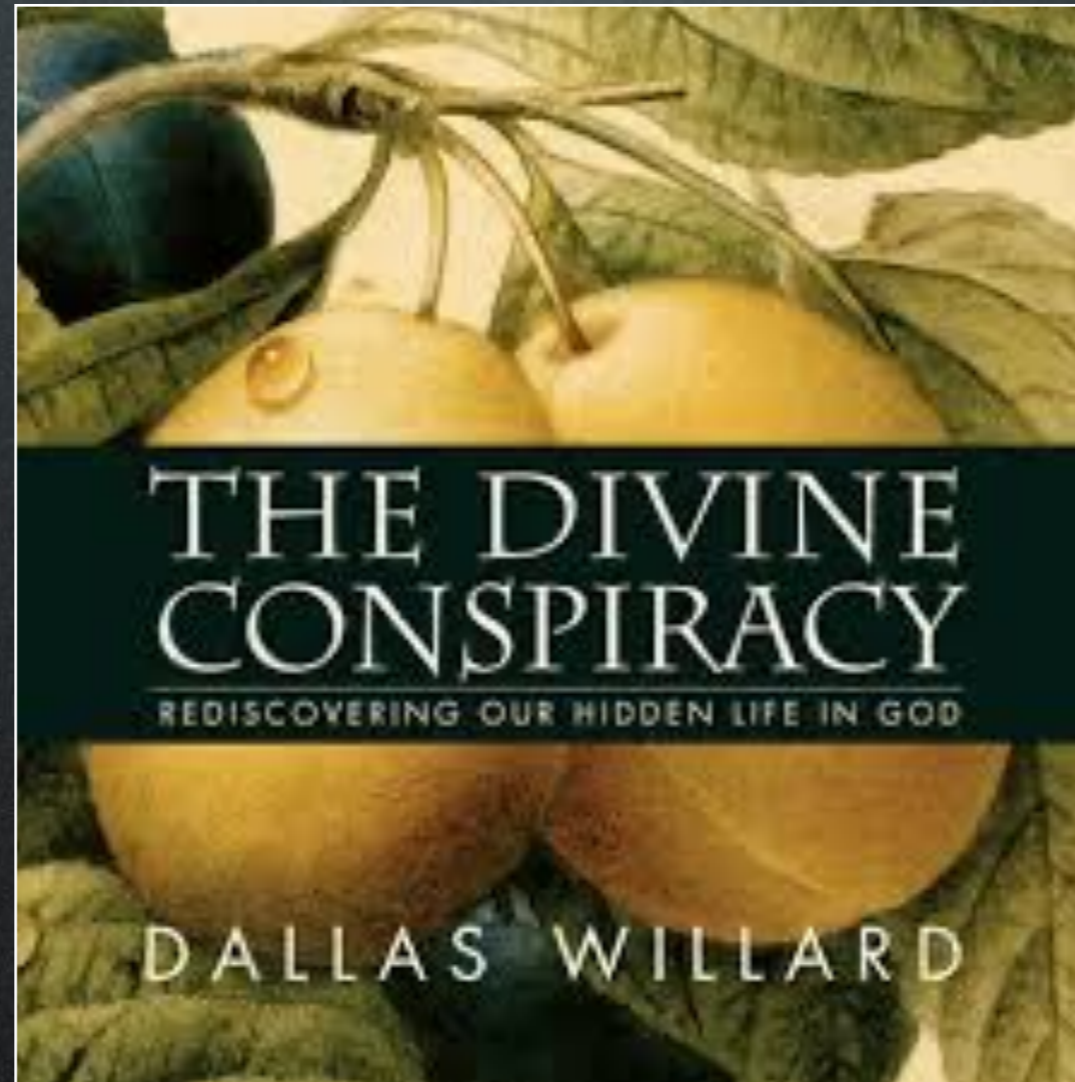


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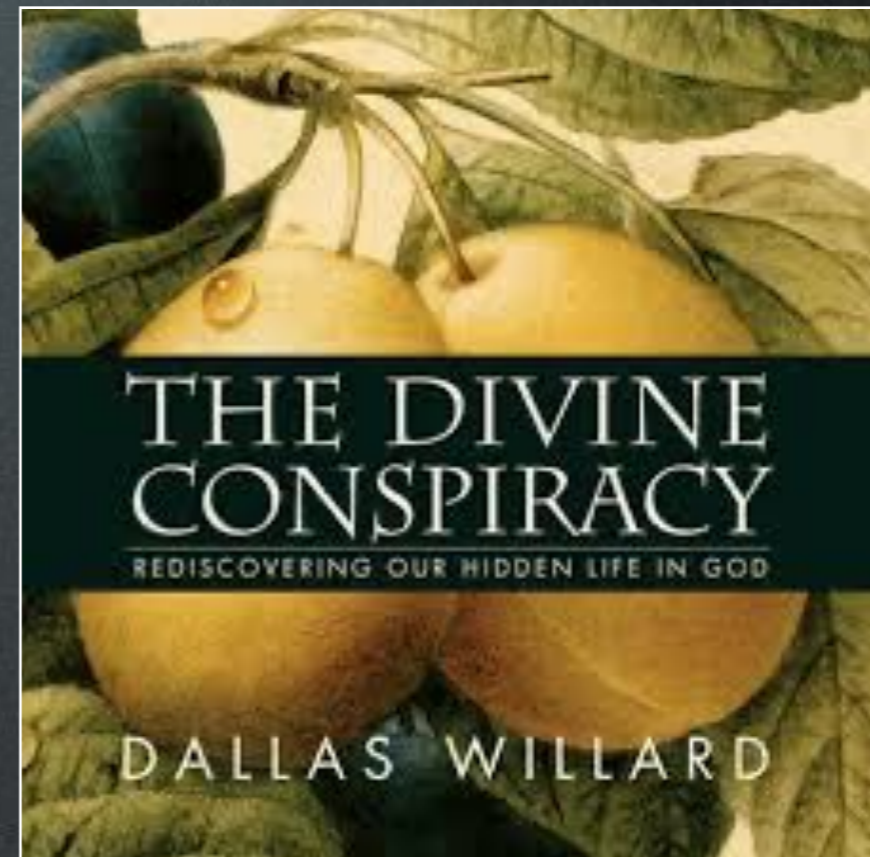
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## **Session 2 Review**

### **“The Beatitudes Unpuzzled”**

Jesus presents the Kingdom of God now fully available, affordable, and accessible to all including the least, the last, and the lost, those not only welcomed as Kingdom citizens, but empowered as Kingdom ambassadors of the divine life found in Jesus.





In Matthew 5:20 and following [the rest of the Sermon on the Mount], Jesus will explain what the law really means for human life under God. Exactly how they are to respect the law and move beyond the righteousness of the scribes and the Pharisees we shall see.

*The Divine Conspiracy*  
End of Chapter 4, p. 127



## Session 3 Theme

*An Apprentice of Jesus is permeated with Agape Love  
— True Inner Goodness*

Matthew 5:20





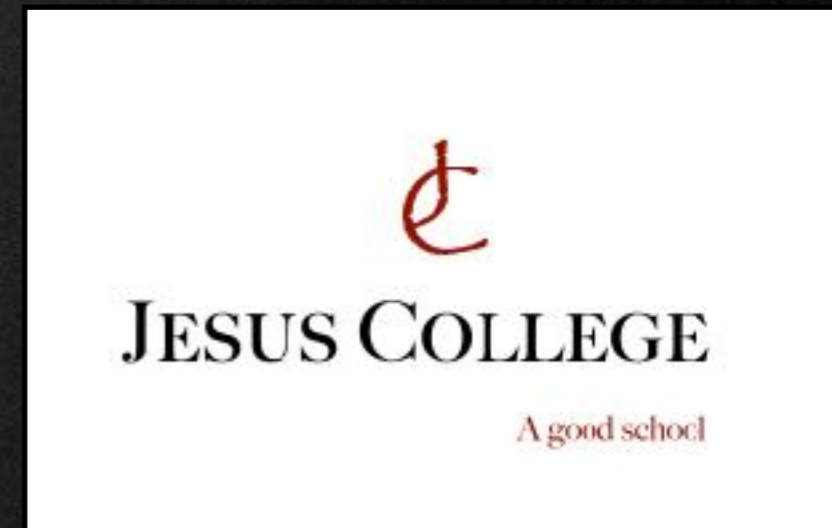
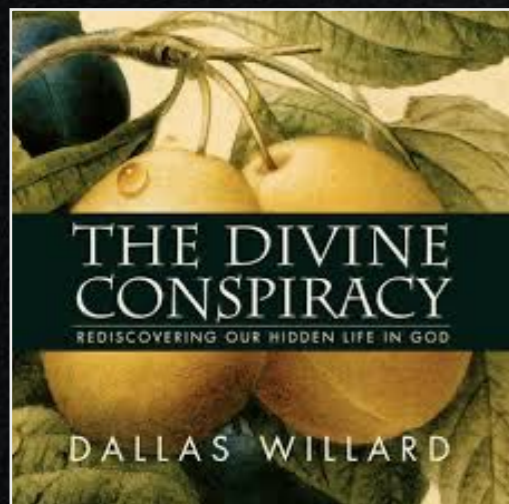
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**Session 3 — Two Key Ideas + Application**

Jesus the Master of Moral Understanding empowers...

The Law & the Soul — *Righteousness: True Inner Goodness*

...with a “Kingdom Heart” as Salt & Light in daily life!





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

Q1 - What is reality?

A - The Kingdom of God.

“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 good person?

A - One permeated with agape love.

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

Q4 - How do I become a good person?

A - Become an apprentice of Jesus.

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



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





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**Idea #1 — Jesus: The Master of Moral Understanding**

Q — “4M IQ” #3 - Who is a good person?

A — “One permeated with Agape love.”

**Flashback**

Living the good life is living the Beatitudes - the highest expression of religious insight and moral inspiration.

*The Divine Conspiracy,*  
Chapter 4, p. 98



“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







## **THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY**

*Who is a really good person?*

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.”*





## 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.” (Mt. 4:17 par)

(133)







## *The Genius* — **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. (137-139)





## **Key Idea #2 – 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 Law written on their kingdom hearts*

*Jeremiah 31:33, Hebrews 10:16*

Righteousness = “True Inner Goodness” (145)

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*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?*

*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 the action. This is the crux of the matter. The intention has to be applied at the right place.”

Session #7 [20:30 time mark]

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*“I always love that vision Dallas Willard casts:  
the hope and freedom found in the opportunity to become the  
person who naturally and routinely obeys.*

*True goodness from the heart!*

*To your point around the sequential order of the discourse -  
that has really stood out to me on this time through. How one  
must receive (understand) the teaching about our well-being  
and blessedness before we can move into eliminating anger  
and contempt.”*

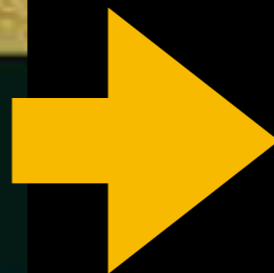
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REDISCOVERING OUR HIDDEN LIFE IN GOD



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## **Salt & Light in Six Areas of Daily Life**

#1 - “In the Caldron of Anger & Contempt” - Mt. 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





**THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY**  
*“In the Caldron of Anger & Contempt”*

**Anger** — “# @% \*!”

Jesus’ understanding of them [anger & contempt] and their role in life becomes the basis for His strategy for establishing Kingdom goodness. It is the elimination of anger and contempt that He presents as the first and fundamental step toward the rightness of the Kingdom heart.





## The Kingdom Heart

We do not control outcomes and are not responsible for them, but only for our contribution to them.

By truly loving our adversary, we stand within the reality of God's Kingdom and resources, and it is very likely we will draw our adversary into it also. Things are really different there, and a resolution manifesting the divine presence becomes possible.



See what will happen.  
Venture on the Kingdom.  
That is how we 'seek' it.



## 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'.



\* i.e., “Beatitudinal Living”

(158)



In this way, you take on the nature of your Father, the One in the Heavens.

## **Goodness is Love - Agape Love - a Kingdom Heart**

We discover love as a life power. (182)

**Hard to do?** He calls us to Him to impart Himself to us. He does not call us to do what He did, but to be as He was, permeated with love. (183)

The deeds of love, including loving our enemies, are what agape love does in us and what we do as the new persons we have become. (184)





“Perfect love perfects us to love perfectly.”

doug webster



**Intellectual Vacuum** – There is now no recognized moral knowledge upon which projects of fostering moral development could be based. (Chapter 1, p. 3)

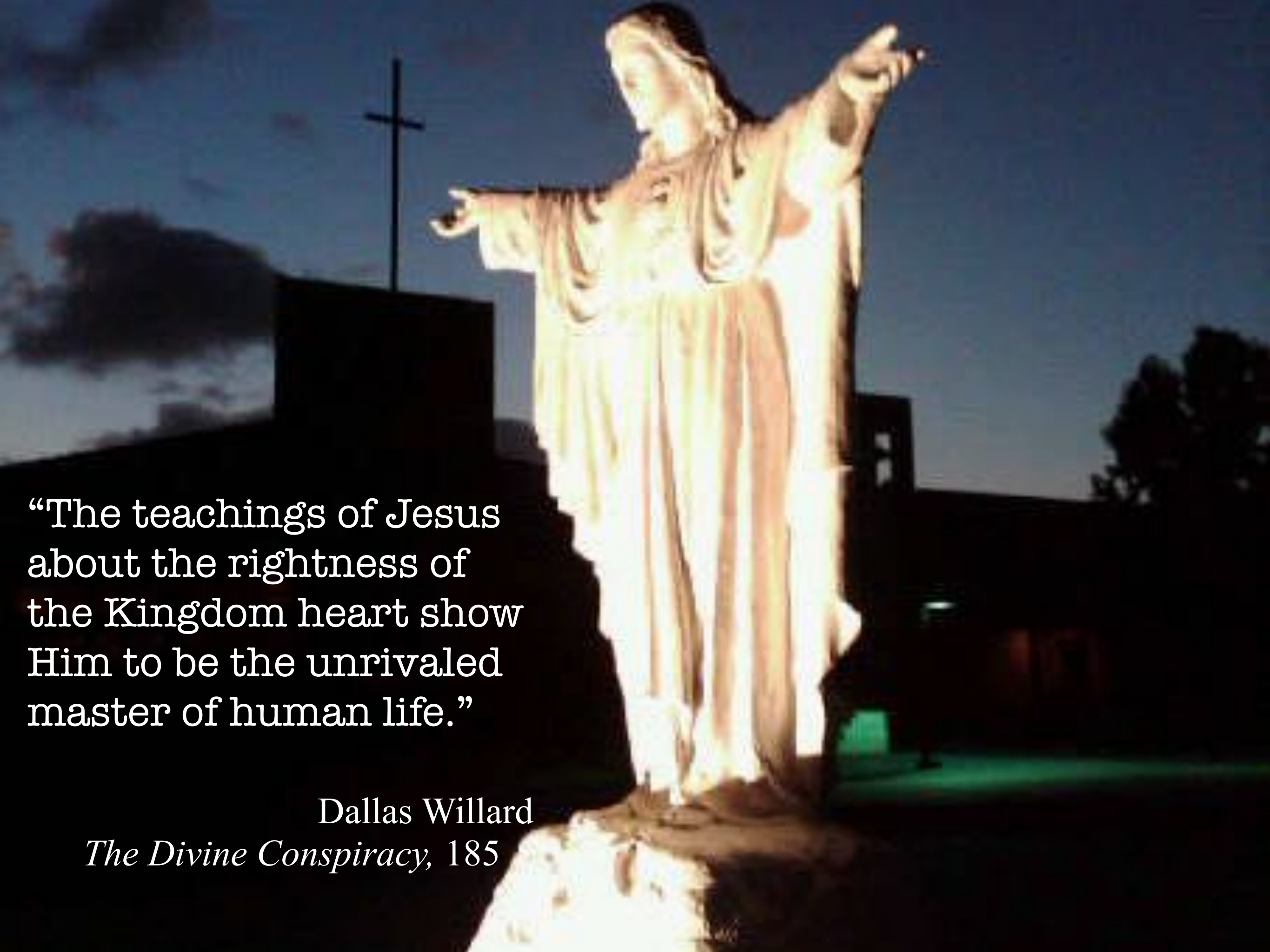


This is the outcome of the now centuries long effort to develop a moral guide to life within the framework of human thought and experience alone...  
unassisted by revelation.

By contrast, the Christian teaching about moral goodness that derives from the principles laid down by Jesus does have a historical, theoretical, and practical claim to constitute the true body of moral knowledge.  
(184)

The sand house "...great was its fall."





“The teachings of Jesus about the rightness of the Kingdom heart show Him to be the unrivaled master of human life.”

Dallas Willard  
*The Divine Conspiracy*, 185



# Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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Q&A





**Meditation** — *Mark 7:21-23; II Peter 3:18*

## **Application**

- 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)





## Related Teaching by Dallas

“Who is a Really Good Person?”

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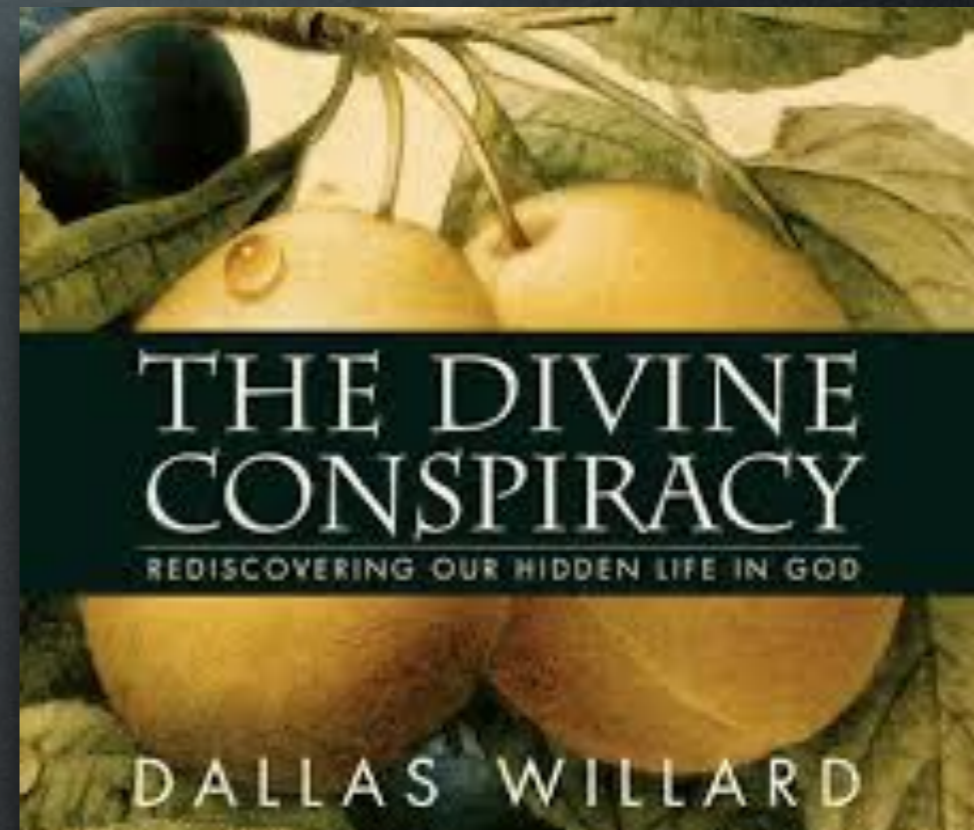
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## Session 3 Summary

Jesus, the Master and Maestro of true goodness, teaches and enables us through His Kingdom to be filled with the “agape” love of God in our every day, ordinary life.

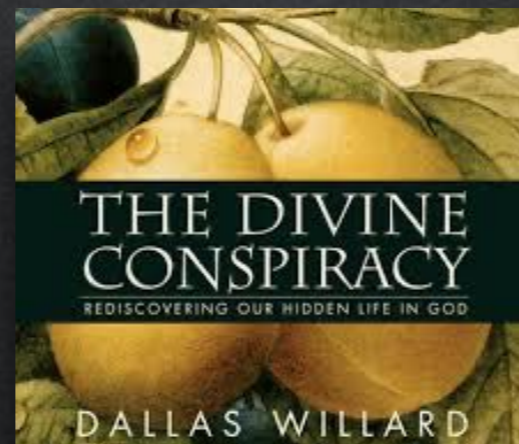




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“Reputation & Resources or God?”

Chapter 6 Readings: **187-188**; 200-201; 203;  
207-208; 212; 213-214



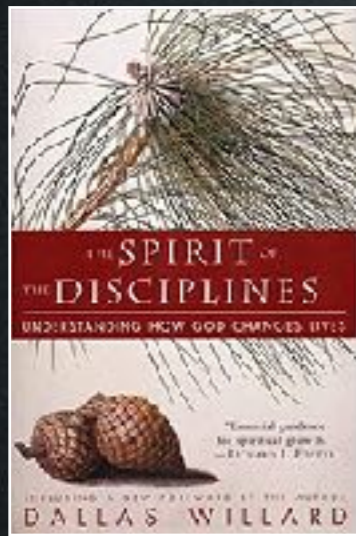


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your cheeks be free,  
and your enemy be  
surprised in your next  
10,000 minutes!

*Doug*







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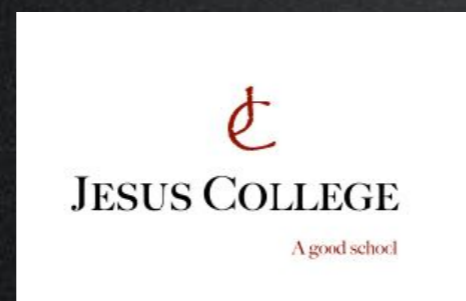
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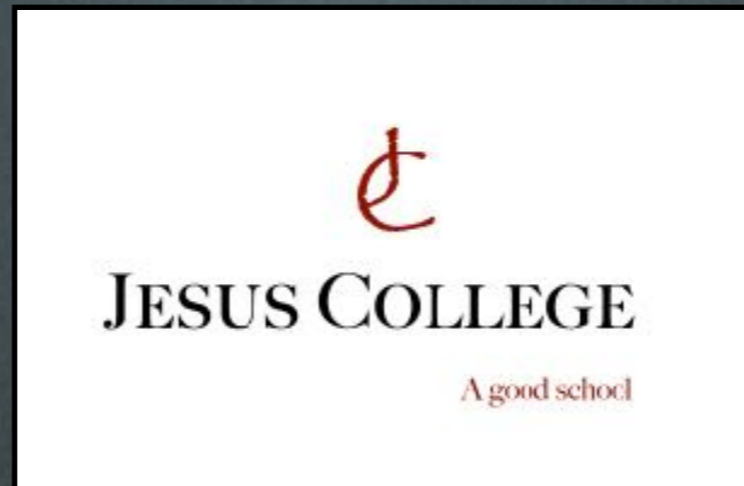


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