



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



Session 16 Summary

Disciples are made when, by God's grace, we offer the knowledge of life with Jesus to foster intentional, willful belief through practice of the means to Christlikeness like learning to rid ourselves of anger.



SESSION 17 — DISCIPLESHIP IN LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

Session Theme — With and by God's grace, we focus the Church on making disciples immersed in the Trinity who actually do the things Jesus commanded.

“Make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to follow all that I commanded you.” Matthew 28:19-20

Two Problems in the Local Congregations

The Church is Distracted — We wind up paying attention to stuff that has nothing to do with what we probably in a sober moment, would say we're really here for.

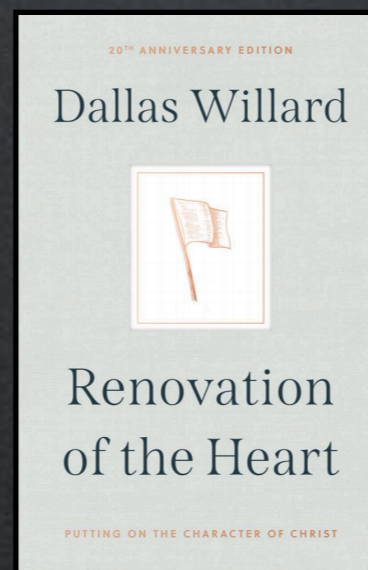
The Traditions — “Vessel vs. Treasure” - The problem comes when the vessel begins to replace the treasure and the treasure is left begging, or isn't really considered. *II Corinthians 4:7*

Christians are routinely taught that the vessel is more important than the treasure.

They didn't know Christlikeness was a part of the deal.

The Fundamental Mistake of the Church

“A fundamental mistake in much of the Western Church is that it takes as its basic goal to get as many people as possible ready to die and go to heaven. It aims to get people into heaven, rather than to get heaven into people and this requires that these people who are going to be in must be right on what is basic (and you can't really quarrel with that.) But it turns out that to be right on what is basic is to be right in terms of the particular church vessel, or tradition in question, not in terms of Christlikeness.”



p. 238

What Should We Do? – The Great Commission

“Make disciples of all the nations”

Make Disciples – In every group, there will be a number of people who have been waiting to hear, waiting for someone to make sense of eternal life.

You have to teach them that one of their main lessons is what to do with people who are mad at them because they're causing problems.



Objective Two - *Trinity Fellowship not Performance*

The sufficiency of Christ to all is the basis of our efforts in gathering and service. Our only hope:

“I have been given authority over all things”, and
“Look, I’m with you every moment”

MINISTERS — with time and experience, expect to receive from the *Christ-with-them* profundity of insight, sweetness and strength of character, and abundance of power to carry out the role... not tricks, techniques, only to speak Christ’s words from Christ’s character in the manifest presence of God.

Renovation of the Heart, p. 247 (2002)



Teach Disciples to do What Jesus Commanded

“Teaching them to follow all that I commanded you.”

You take the people who are disciples in the Trinitarian fellowship and you teach them in such a way that they do the things that Christ illustrates in the Sermon on the Mount and elsewhere. You cannot say too many times “you do not take these as laws”. You take them as I've said as expressions of the life of a person who is maturely at home in the Kingdom of God.

FIRST - Expect people to become disciples who learn to do the things Jesus taught us to do.

SECOND - Announce you teach people to do the things Jesus said to do.

“The most important thing you can do is take care of yourself.”

“Watch over your heart with all diligence.” Proverbs 4:23

“Pay close attention to yourself and to the teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.” 1 Timothy 4:16

Think in terms of the health and integrity of your own self and your message. That's success — what God gets out of your life is the person you become.

Don't try to make things happen. Abandon outcomes to God. Do your best, but don't try to control outcomes.



Closing Words from Dallas

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Distraction results from not centering on the things we've been talking about, and if you're centered on these, then whatever comes up will be dealt with in the body in a way that you can stay on course with discipleship, Trinitarian fellowship, and teaching people in a way that they actually do what Jesus said.

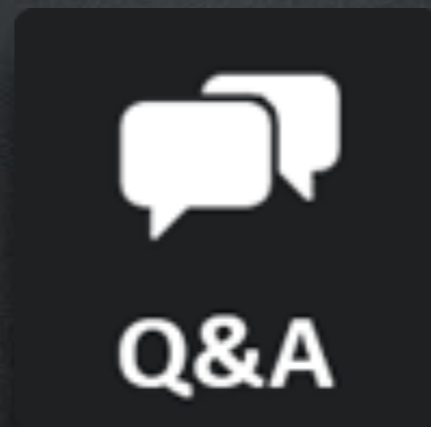
“May the Lord bless you and keep you. May he make his face to shine on you. Be gracious unto you. The Lord look right at you, lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.”



Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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



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Meditation — *Proverbs 4:23; 1 Timothy 4:16*

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

VISION — What does the church look like when it reflects what Jesus taught?

INTENTION — What distraction, traditions or lack of devotion block my intentions and growth into Christlikeness?

MEANS — What church leaders or group members are with me, or am I inviting on my journey into the human side of holiness?



† Cross Fit

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The undistracted focus is to be disciples, not performing, but living in the Trinitarian fellowship who are learning from Jesus what He taught to do in our lives that He would do if He were we.



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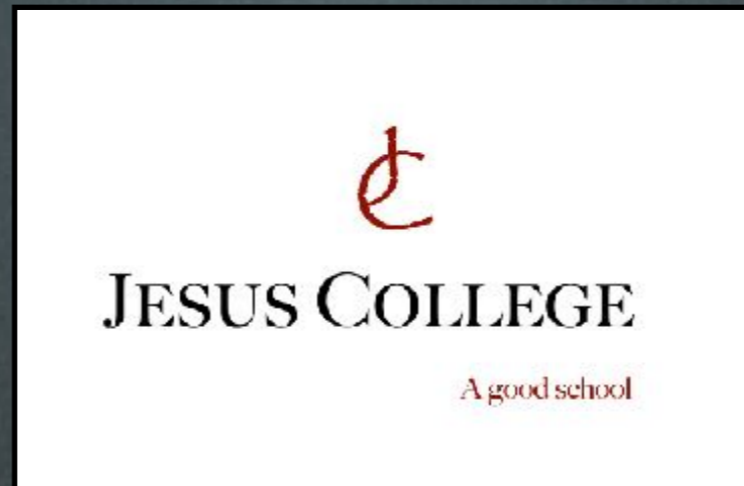
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