

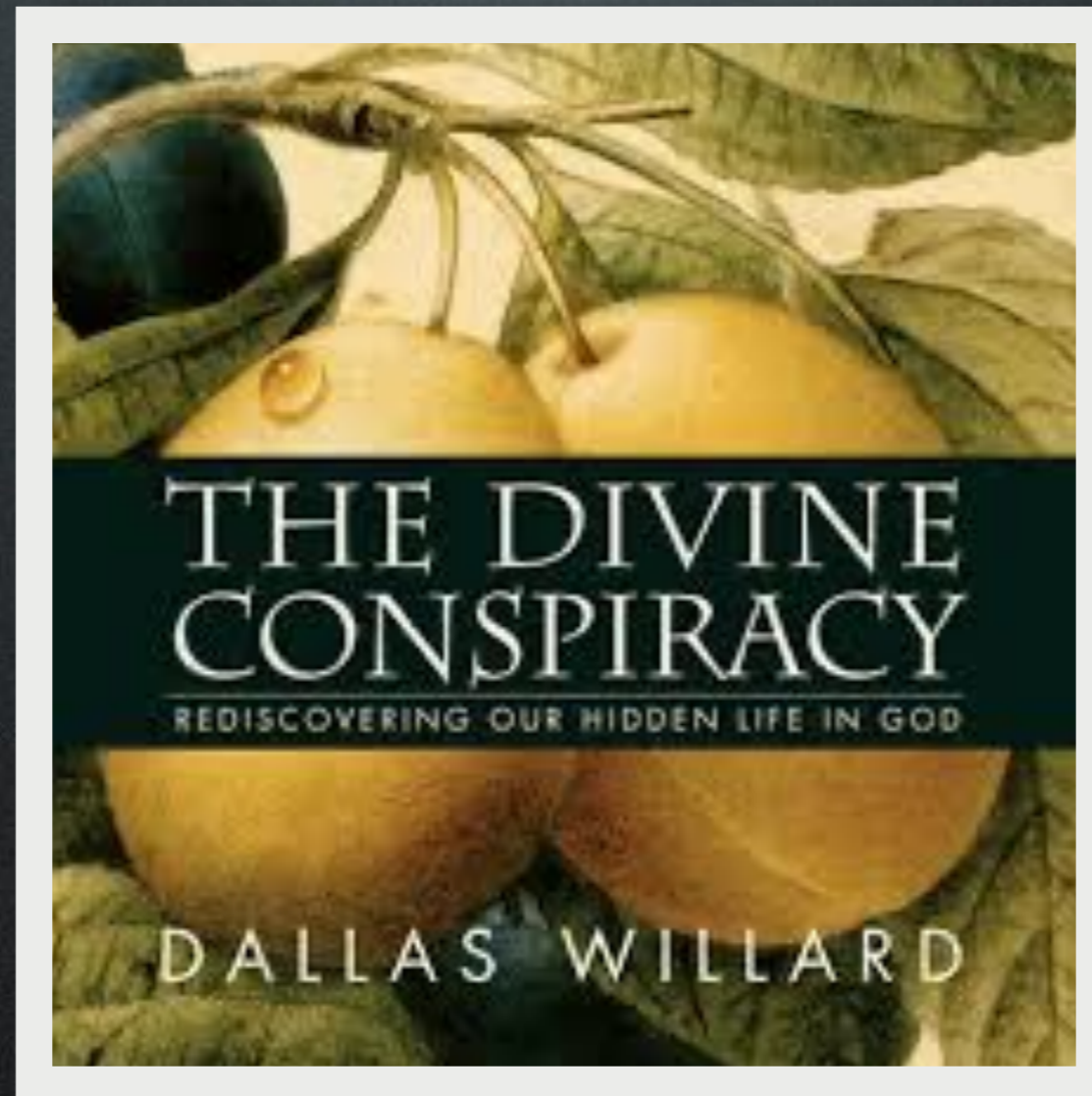
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# **THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY**

Chapter 9 - “A Curriculum for Christlikeness”

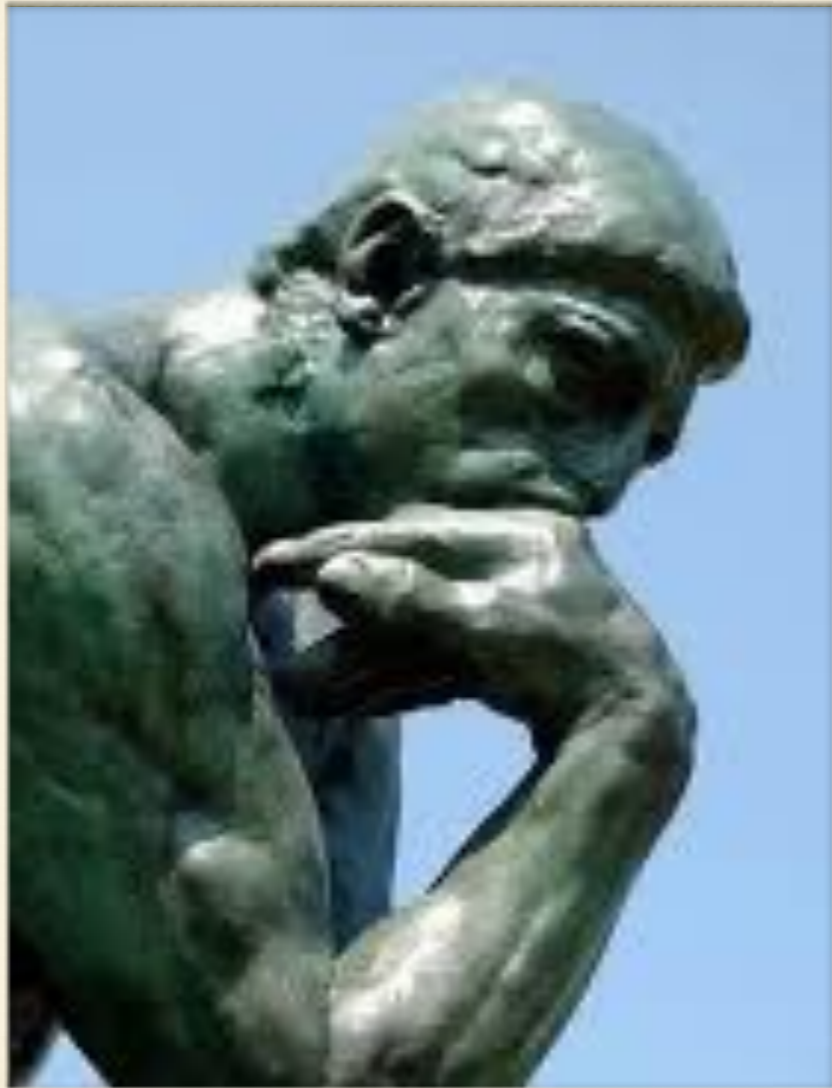
Session 29 - “*Acquiring Habits of Goodness*”



# Two Primary Objectives for Christlikeness

Enthralling the Mind with God

Practicing the Habits of Goodness



# THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY

## Chapter 9 - "A Curriculum for Christlikeness"

### REVIEW: *Session 28 - "Getting Clear on the Objectives"*

When the mind is filled with this great and beautiful God, the 'natural' response, once all 'inward' hindrances are removed, will be to do 'everything I have told you to do'. (321)

Three ways God comes before the mind: (327-341)

- A Loving Creator
- His acts in history and Jesus
- Our human experience of Him



# Two Primary Objectives for Christlikeness

#1 – Enthralling the Mind with God (last session)

#2 – Practicing the Habits of Goodness

## 1. Breaking the Bondage to Sin in our Body

Breaking of the power of patterns of wrongdoing and evil that govern our lives because of our long habituation to a world alienated from God. (341)

Consumer Christianity is now normative. Such Christians are not inwardly transformed. They remain governed by, or slaves of sin. (John 8:34, Romans 6:16)

Unwilling or unable to do the good they know to do.

(342)



## 2. What “Sin in our Members” Is

The patterns of wrongdoing that govern human life outside the Kingdom are usually quite weak, even ridiculous.

**They are simply our habits**...automatic responses of thought, feeling and action. Typically we have acted wrongly before reflecting. That leaves us constantly in the position of having to deal with what we have already done.

Therefore, it is primarily in **the body and its social context** the work must be done to **replace wrong habits with automatic responses** that flow with the Kingdom of Jesus and sustain themselves from its power.

(343)

## **A Matter of What is “In” Us – *Our Body’s Knowledge***

### Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

It was what was not in Jesus that made Him invincible, that kept Him safe.

“I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.” John 14:30-31

Nothing has power to tempt me or move me to wrong action that I have not given power by what I permit to be in me.

### **3. Training** (345-346)

The training required...will not be done for us.

Yet it is something we cannot do by ourselves.

*“Apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5*

We must...

...act wisely and consistently over a longer period of time.

...not do this as if the new life were simply our project.

God is at work in us.

*“Work out our salvation” Philippians 2:12*





# The Golden Triangle of Spiritual Growth (347)

## *The Holy Spirit, Real Life & Planned Disciplines*

$\Delta 1 \approx$  His Holy Spirit

“The action of the Spirit must be accompanied by our response.” (348)



$\Delta 2 \approx$  Ordinary Events

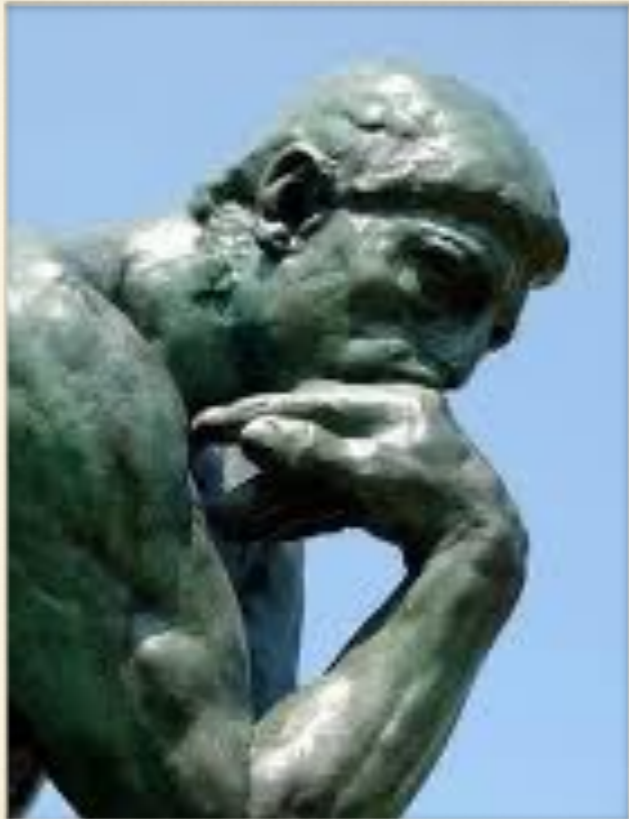
“Accept circumstances as the place of God’s Kingdom and blessing.” (348)

$\Delta 3 \approx$  Planned Disciplines

Any activity within our power that we engage in to enable us to do what we cannot do by direct effort. (353)

“Knowledge of the Kingdom puts us in position to welcome all of these... to thrive on everything life can throw at us.” (349)

Colossians is perhaps the best overall statement on the spiritual formation of the disciple in the New Testament. (350)



## **Two Primary Objectives for Christlikeness**

Enthralling the Mind with God — Colossians 1-2

Practicing the Habits of Goodness — Colossians 3-4

# Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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



Q&A

80:00 + 10K

**Meditation** — *Jesus' Kid Brother - James 1:2-4*

**In the next 10,000 minutes...**

Q — What is my plan for spiritual growth?  
“It must be structured.” (352)

Q — What bodily habit most consistently blocks my way of following Jesus?

Q — Am I in a Kingdom position to thrive on everything life throws at me? Why not more?



† Cross Fit

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The Divine Conspiracy Course



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*Frank Laubach*

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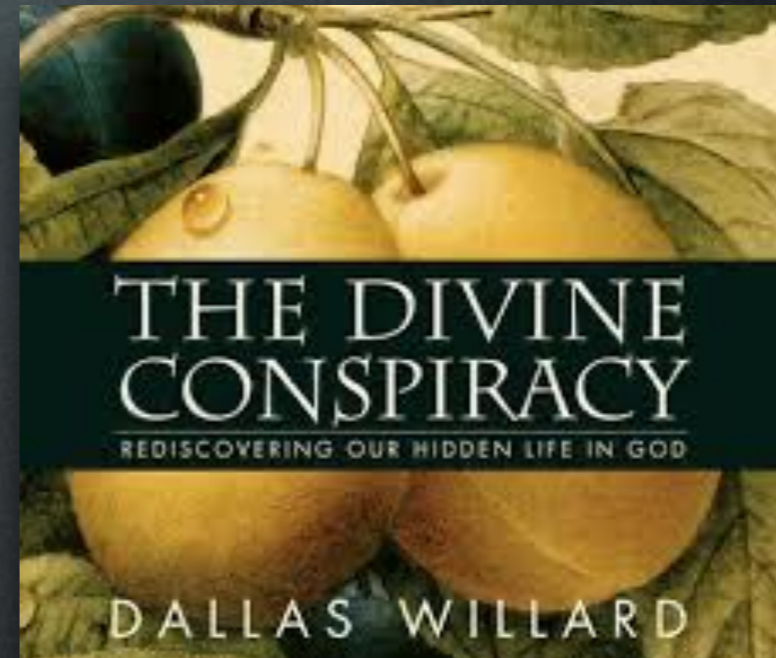
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## Session 29 Summary

By acquiring and practicing habits of goodness ...in the ordinary events of life — the temptations — we do know the concrete reality of the Kingdom of the Heavens.

(350)





**80:00 + 10K**



## **“The Divine Conspiracy Lectures”**

Dallas Willard Ministries YouTube Channel



The Harvey Fellows 2004 Summer Institute  
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### **Course Session 29 \* Recommended Teachings**

[Session #9 - Introduction](#)

[Session #8 - "Holistic Spiritual Growth"](#)

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\* See the Course reading schedule for related teachings

## **Next Week — Session 30 of 31**

Chapter 9 - “A Curriculum for Christlikeness”

### **“The Golden Triangle — Planned Disciplines”**

Hardback - pp. 353 - 373

Paperback - pp. 386 - 408

(Completes Chapter 9)

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practice habits of  
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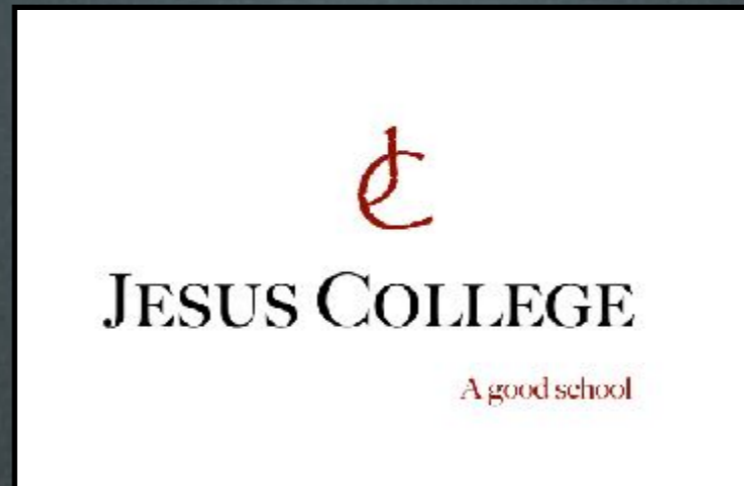
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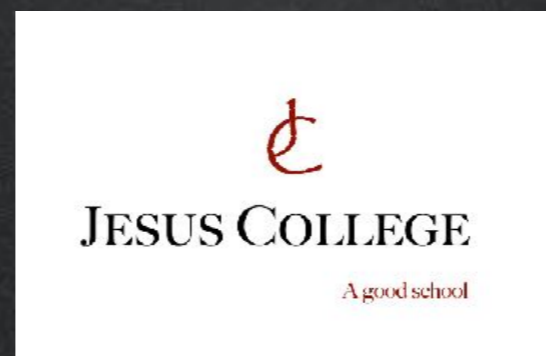
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