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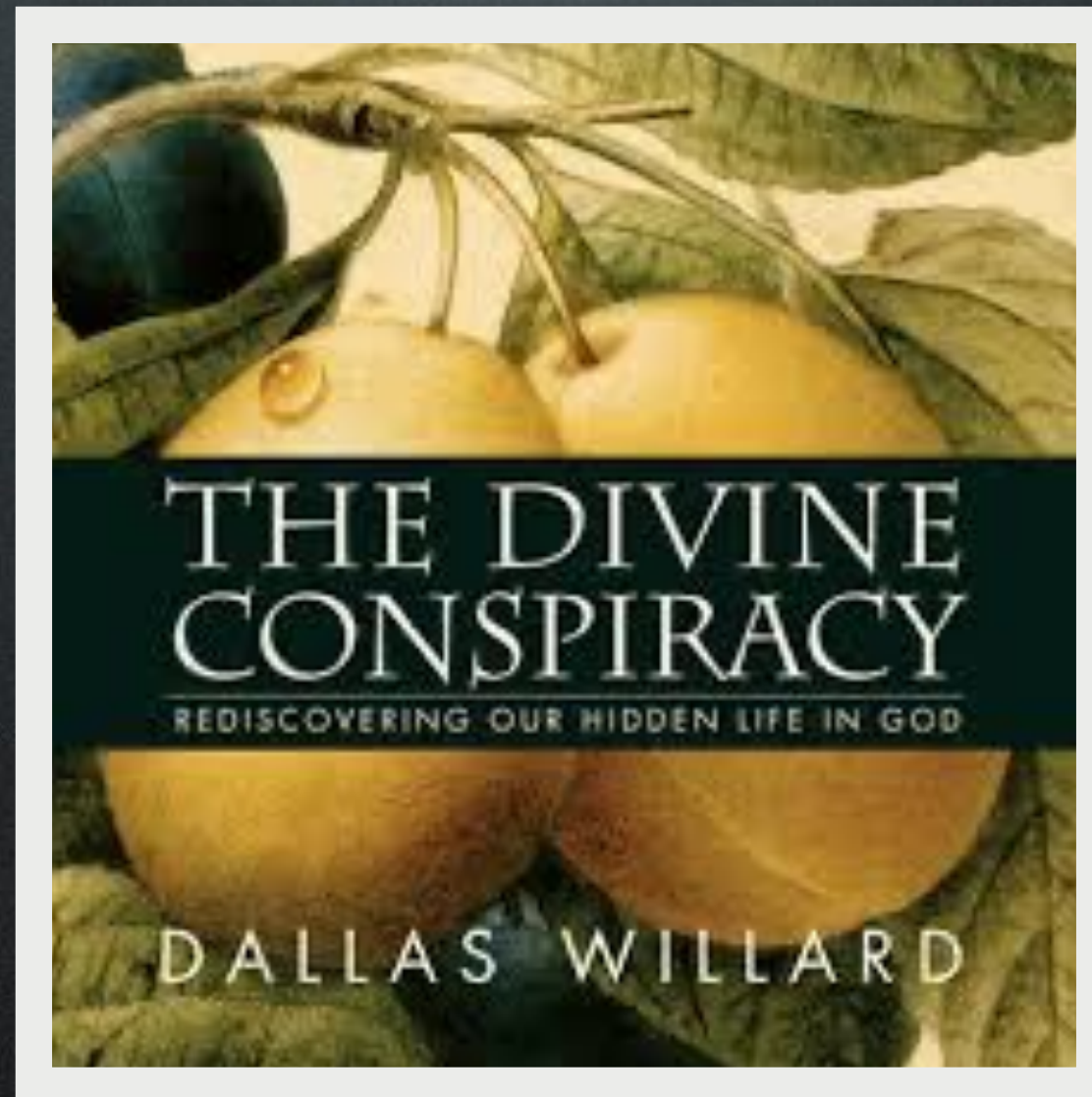




# **THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY**

Chapter 4 - Who is Really Well Off?

Session 11 - “Dealing with the Soul in Depth”







## THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY

### Life's Four Major Questions\*

Q1 - What is reality?

A - "The Kingdom of God."

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

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

Q3 - Who is a good person?

A - "One permeated with agape love."

Q4 - How do I become a good person?

A - "Become an apprentice of Jesus."

\* [\(12\) sources \(30 pages\) from Dallas on "Life's 4 Big Questions"](#)

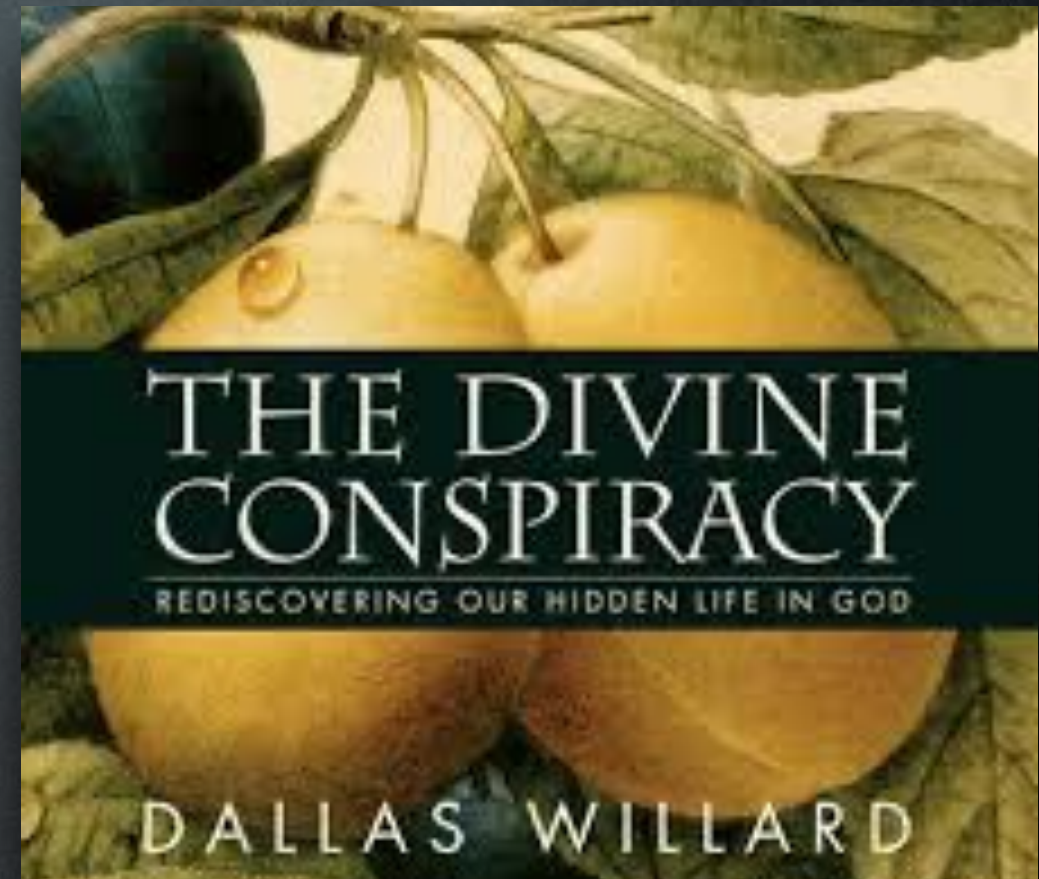


*Q#2 - Who is well off, living the good life?*

*A - One living in the direct availability of the Kingdom of God.*

## **Session 10 Review**

A blessed life is living in the reality of the Kingdom of God right where you are, in spite of, and in the midst of, your circumstances.





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## *“The Manner of Jesus’ Teaching”*

150 seconds with Dallas

The Divine Conspiracy Lectures; #6 @ 56:00-58:30







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### **Jesus Manner of Teaching**

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

**HOW** - His use of concreteness in teaching takes yet another form...He corrects a general assumption or practice thought to govern the situation at hand. He shows the general assumption or practice to be an unreliable guide to life under God. (107)

The parable as “Techniques of Concreteness” (109)



“What must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Mark 10:17







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

**WHAT** - Correct Prevailing Assumptions

...To Challenge Your World View - *a good life and person*

- \* Rich Young Ruler - Mark 10
- \* A Kingdom Dinner Party - Luke 14
- \* Good Samaritan - Luke 10

(107-111)





## *"The Manner of Jesus' Teaching"*

Luke 14:7-15, "Friend, move up higher."

“In reference to the Beatitudes, he is saying contrary to human expectation, the poor are often blessed because the Kingdom of God belongs to them, and the rich are not blessed because they are not in the Kingdom of God. The meaning of the Beatitudes is to be understood in light of this great inversion, they are primarily the proclamation of the availability of the Kingdom.”

The Divine Conspiracy Lectures  
#6 @ 59:25





## **How to Make a Neighbor**

The story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10) means the general assumption of Jesus' hearers about who has eternal life have to be revised in light of the condition of people's hearts.

We define who our neighbor is by our love.

Jesus rejects, "Who is my neighbor?"

and substitutes, "To whom will I be a neighbor?"

(111)



## **If Jesus was teaching this today...**

The good Samaritan might be the good \_\_\_\_\_ .

Draw any cultural or social line you wish and God will find His way beyond it.

Jesus teaches we can not identify who “has it”, who “is in”, who “is blessed” by looking at the exteriors of any sort. That is a matter of the heart.

Who is or is not surely leading an eternal kind of life.



(111-112)





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

**WHY** - We automatically remember what makes a real difference in our life. The secret of the great teacher is to speak words, to foster experiences, that impact the active flow of the hearer's life. This is what Jesus did by the way he taught. He tied his teachings to concrete events that make up the hearers' lives.

He aimed his sayings at their hearts and habits...  
by showing the presence of the Kingdom in the concrete  
details of our shared lives.



# Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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



Q&A



**Meditation** — Luke 10 - “A Good Samaritan... Today”

## **Application**

Q — What about Jesus as “Teacher” strikes me - what he said, how he said it, why he said it?

Q — How well do I show in my love for my neighbor that the words of Jesus have fully seized me?

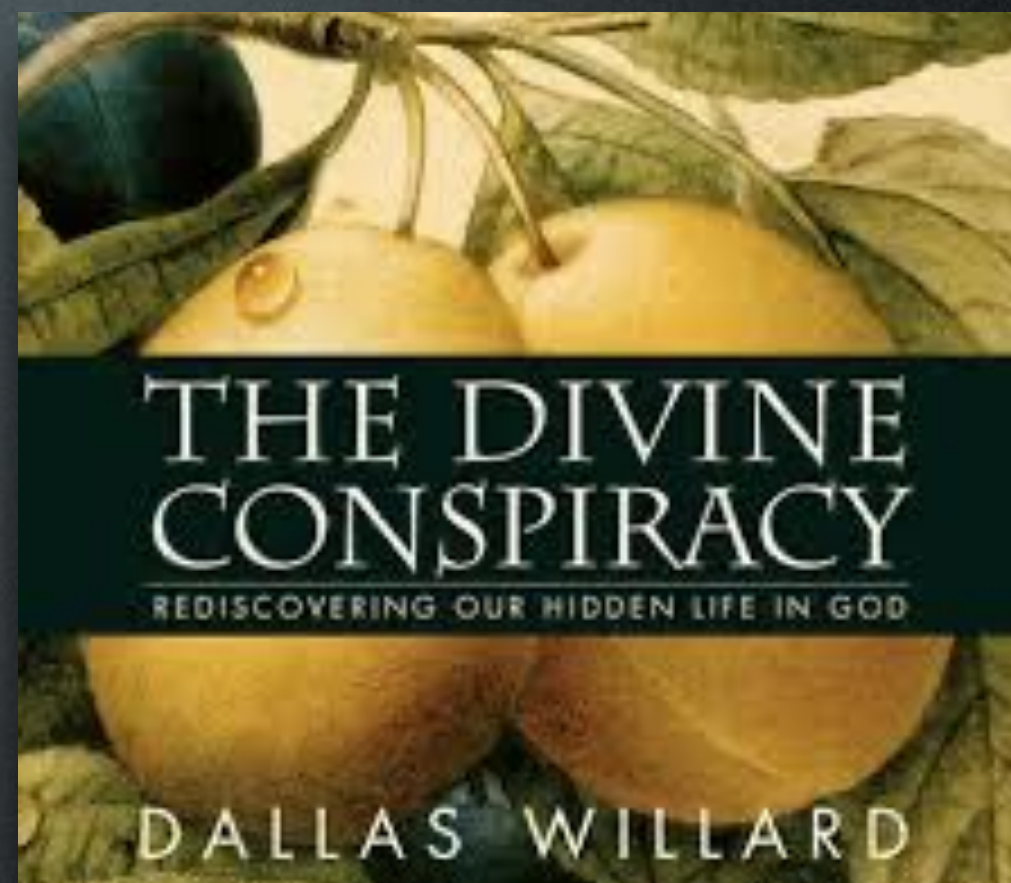
Q — How will I practice this week what I am learning about loving my neighbor?





## Session 11 Summary

Jesus not only taught in this manner, he also taught us, His students in the Kingdom, to teach in the same way. By showing to others the presence of the Kingdom in the concrete details of our shared existence, we impact the lives and hearts of our hearers, not just their heads. And they won't have to write it down to hold onto it.





**80:00 + 10K**



**“The Divine Conspiracy Lectures”**  
Dallas Willard Ministries YouTube Channel

The Harvey Fellows 2004 Summer Institute  
[12-part video series link](#)

**Course Session 11 \* Recommended Teachings**

The Soul in Depth — [DC #7 39:30-46:50](#)

(119) pages of lecture notes in the Jesus College Library

<https://www.jesuscollege.com/dallaswillard-thedivineconspiracy>

\* See the Course reading schedule for related teachings



## **Next Week — Session 12**

Ch. 4 - “Who is Really Well Off? The Beatitudes”

“What Jesus Had in Mind with His Beatitudes”

Hardback - pp. 114-122

Paperback - pp. 130-143

**For Recorded Sessions + Slides, go to:**

[JesusCollege - The Divine Conspiracy](#)



May you find Jesus  
teaching you in the  
real life, concrete,  
everyday moments  
of your next 10,000  
minutes,

*Doug*



NEVER MIND WHY,  
GO GET MOM

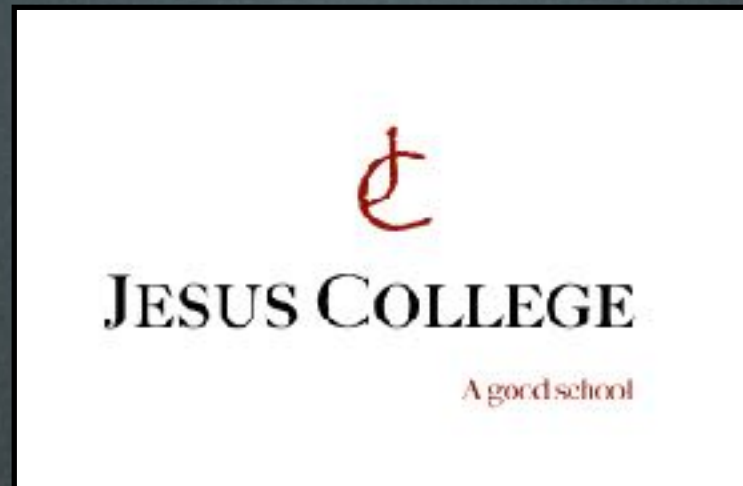


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