

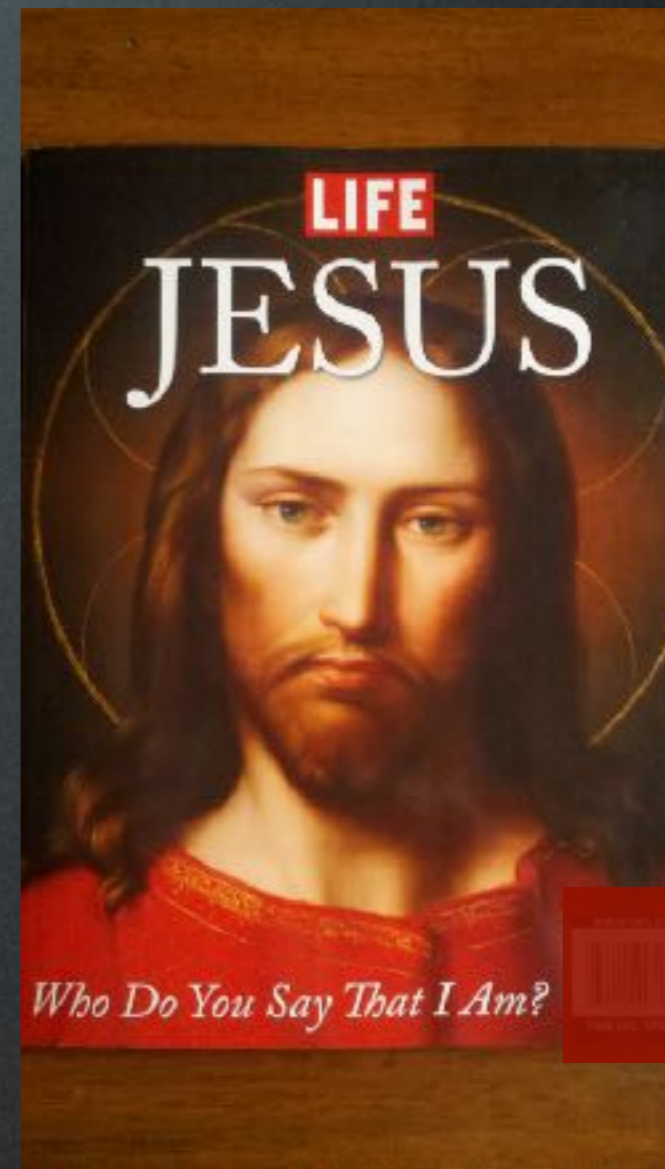


WELCOME to “The Human Side of Holiness”  
by Dallas Willard  
a 17-session Course sponsored by




## Session 13 Review

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



# SESSION 14 — TRANSFORMATION OF THE HEART & THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT IN DETAIL

 **Session Theme** — “Jesus teaches to get to the root  
not the fruit of the tree.”

“You’ve heard it said...but I tell you.” Matthew 5:27, 31, 33, 38



## **The Sermon on the Mount Review Contrasting Righteousness**

The prevailing assumption: Righteousness is a matter of what you do.

“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 of the spirit,  
of the heart.*

## The Sermon on the Mount

Review Session 13 - Anger & Contempt *Matthew 5:21-26*

We talked about how you have to have the Kingdom resources in order to [live without anger]. Because you have to be able to step beyond the question, "Well, what is going to happen to me if I don't get what I demand?"

[*Session 13 @ 38:05*] And the answer is,

"I'm taken care of." [*Session 13 @ 43:00*]

*Matthew 5:21-26* points us to the surrender of the will to the care of the Father. The way to learn how to step free from anger is the surrendered will because anger is a will problem.

More Kingdom Heart Illustrations *Matthew 5:27-42*

—> Violence & Sexuality — *Matthew 5:27-30*

When God gives them over to their futile minds, they turn primarily to their body for two things:

- 1.) Violence over other people for their kingdom.
- 2.) Sexual pleasure.

First deal with the source — anger & contempt.

## Kingdom Heart Illustrations (continued)

### Sexuality & Lust

Jesus is talking about being free from the anger and desire at the root of lust leading to divorce. He's talking about purposefully cultivating sexual desire and letting it roam and using people for that purpose.

*The will is involved here, the heart, the spirit. You have a heart problem punching out an eye won't solve. The righteousness of the outward behavior is mistaken. He is addressing the prevailing assumption that righteousness is a matter of what you do.*

Jesus is saying, "Go to the root."

Pharisaical righteousness is almost 100% 'Don't do this, don't do that. Don't do the other.'

When you step into Kingdom righteousness, you get away from the "Don'ts", not because they are not important. This is not antinomianism - "since I'm saved by grace, I can do anything."

Remember, the devil sets up 24/7 to mess people's ideas up because he knows that we run from our ideas, really, and if he can get a hold of them, then he'll take us where he wants us.





## Kingdom Heart Illustrations (continued)

—> Divorce — *Matthew 5:31-32*

If you pull, anger, contempt, and illicit lusting out of divorce, how many divorces do you think would be left?

The interpretation of the Old Testament law was a brutal, mean system designed for crushing people. The "Law & the Prophets" had become a system of privilege.

That's why Jesus just comes up and slaps the whole system in the face with the Beatitudes. He takes the ones that are crushed by that system and says, 'You can be there and blessed at the same time'.

## More Kingdom Heart Illustrations (continued)

—> Not Make False Vows — *Matthew 5:33-37*

“I swear to God” versus “Yes be Yes, No be No” — “Using a statement in such a way as to convince others to do or believe something which they don't want to believe or do” versus “Just state things the way they are.”

It's getting to your heart. Are you willing to let people make up their own minds on the basis of truth? Now he's saying, if you're not, you got a problem. You can blame it on the devil like some translations do here. But that's an interpolation more than "this comes from evil". The evil that it comes from is your desire to manipulate people and get them to do things that they don't really want to do. And that involves a lot of religion folks.

*One of the reasons why we have so many people who are Christians but not disciples is because they were brought in to the membership of the church in a way that was misleading.*

You as a leader have to deal with those folks and they are going to think this is bait & switch.

*“I didn’t buy the discipleship car, I bought the Christian car. Now you’re trying to sell me this discipleship car.”*



## More Kingdom Heart Illustrations (continued)

—> Eye for an Eye & Loving Enemies — *Matthew 5:38-42*

Undermining the Pharisaical Law of Retaliation -  
“lex talionis” — one eye for one eye is justice.

Jesus says, “Don’t retaliate.” Live in the Kingdom. Sometimes you simply want to forgive. That doesn’t mean you forget you were hit or you don’t know this is the kind of person who will hit you. It does mean you don’t sock them back. You open up a space in which grace and judgment and love can intervene.

This passage has nothing to do with Pacifism.

The same applies to walking the 2nd mile...if needed.

# The Grandest Prayer of All

“Dear Father always near us,  
may your name be treasured and loved,  
may your rule be completed in us—  
may your will be done on earth  
in just the way it is done in heaven.

Give us today the things we need today,  
and forgive us our sins and impositions  
on you as we are forgiving all who in any  
way offend us.

Please don't put us through trials,  
but deliver us from everything bad.  
Because you are the one in charge,  
and you have all the power,  
and the glory too is all yours—forever—  
which is just the way we want it.”

“Whoopee!”

*The Divine Conspiracy*  
p. 269





Session 22  
*The Grandest Prayer of All*

*“The Lord's Prayer”*

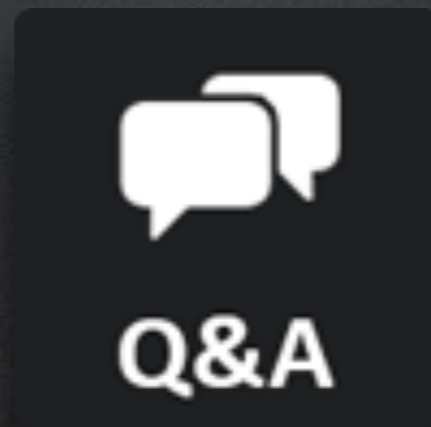
The Divine Conspiracy Lecture 12 @ 1:16:00-1:19:15 (end)



# Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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



80:00 + 10K

**Meditation** — *Matthew 5:27-42*

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

**VISION** — What does it look like for me to act righteously from the inside out?

**INTENTION** — How much of my invitation to Christianity was misled...oversold?

**MEANS** — How and when will I practice simply “Yes” or “No” this week?



† Cross Fit



## Session 14 Summary

When you come to Jesus, he is going beyond anger, desire, manipulation, retaliation to a life of love like Jesus. The teaching of Jesus in Matthew 5 is largely about going beyond into a better way where you are taken care of by Kingdom resources.



## **Next Week — Session 15**

**“CHANGE, DISCIPLINES, INDIRECTION” [37:59]**

**THE PATH OF PROGRESS TOWARD CHRISTLIKENESS**

May your Friday be filled  
with sober thinking  
about what you think  
about to make way for  
an Easter Sunday  
radiant with  
resurrection power now  
and forever,

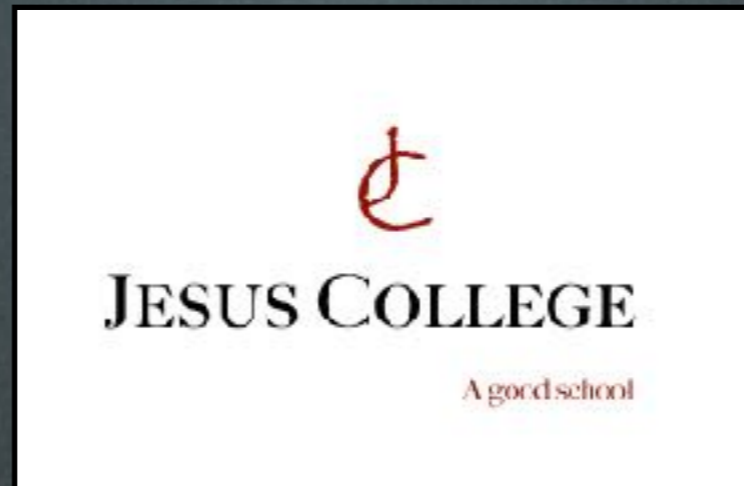
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