

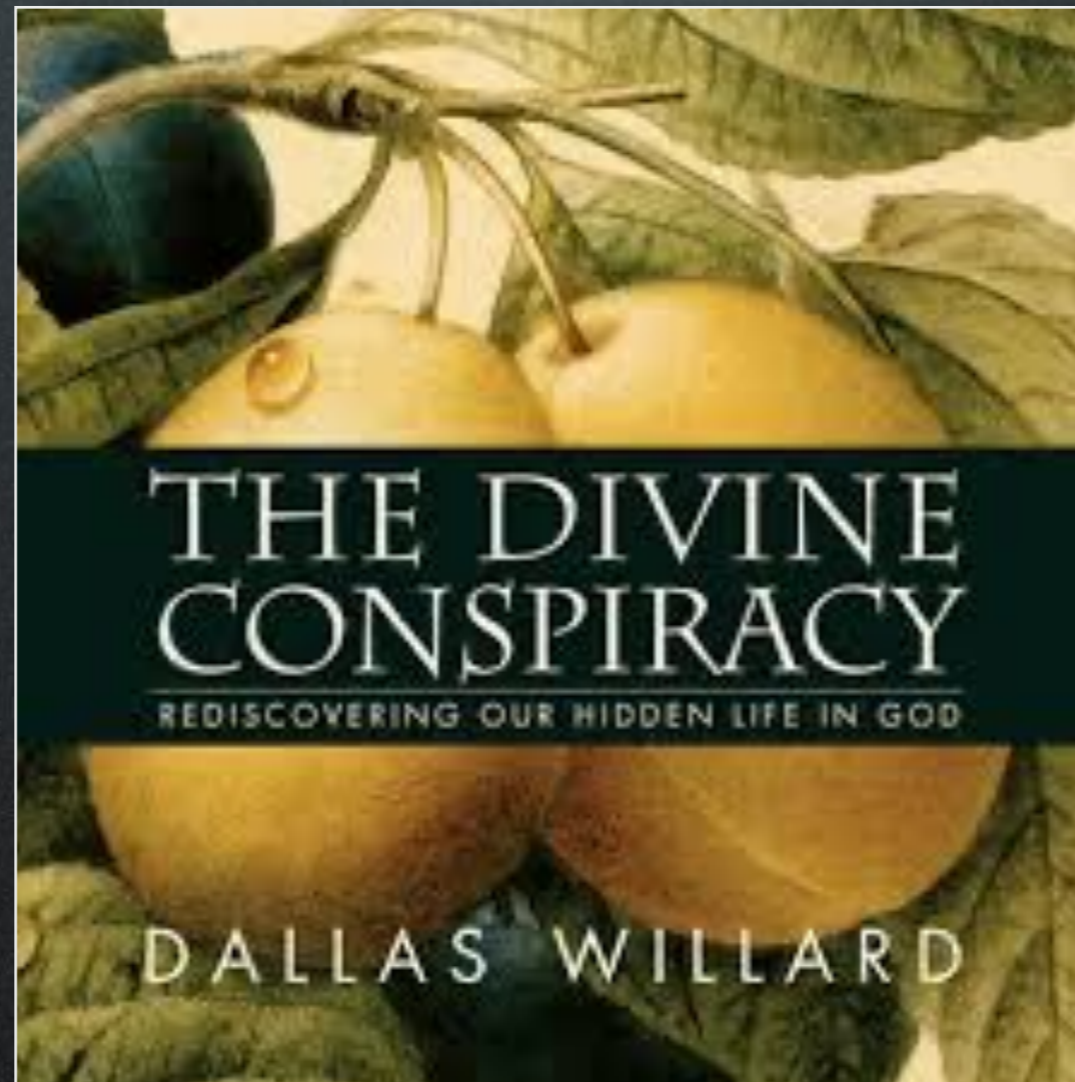
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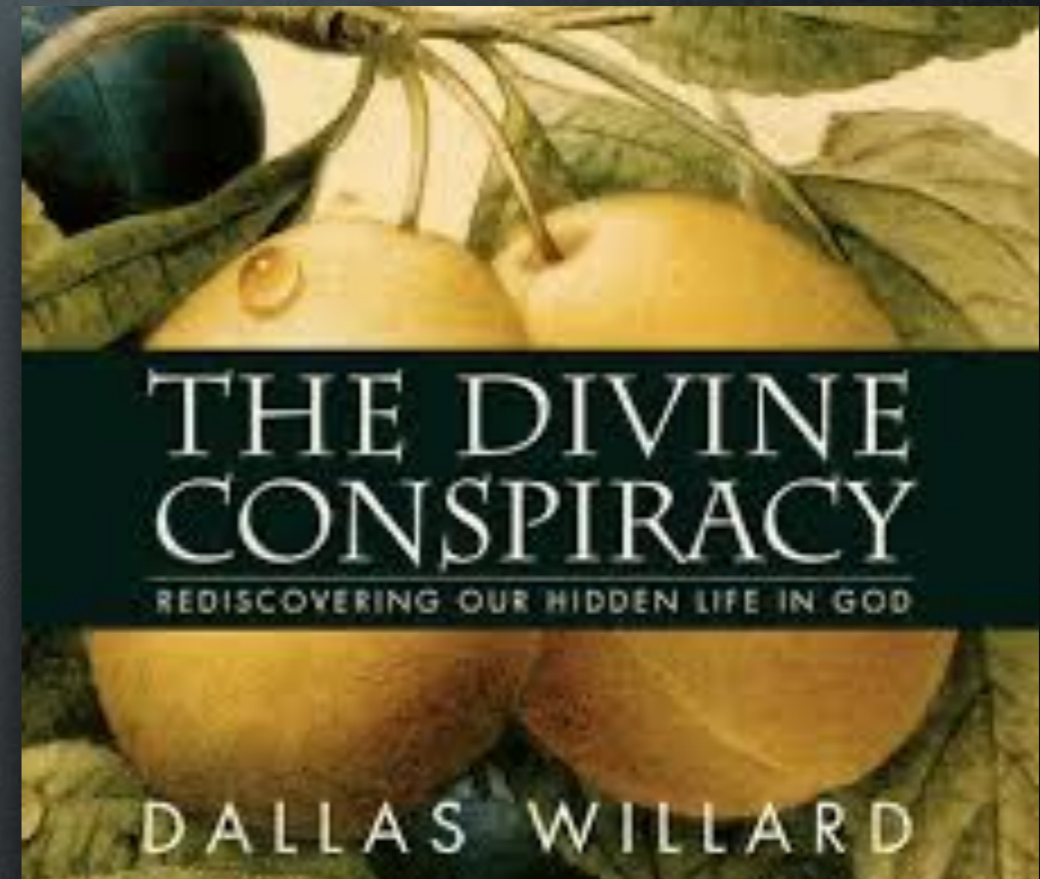
Chapter 5 - "The Rightness of The Kingdom Heart:
Beyond the Goodness of Scribes & Pharisees"

Session 14 - *"In the Caldron of Anger & Contempt"*



Session 13 Review

The good person, a truly righteous person permeated with agape love, learns from Jesus how to live the Sermon on the Mount from the inside out.



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Who is a really good person?

Matthew 5:21-48

Jesus — Six Areas of Kingdom Rightness in Life

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

Raca! You Fool!

This is where the Kingdoms battle...



21 “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell. 23 “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. 25 “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. 26 Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.”

Matthew 5:21-26

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Session 14

“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.

(147)



Three Truths about ANGER...

1. “Spontaneously arises when our will is obstructed”

Anger - a feeling...toward interfering with, and possibly even harming, those who have thwarted our will and interfered with our life. The preliminary function of anger in life is to alert me to an obstruction to my will. (147)

2. “It includes a will to harm them”

We know that people who are angry at us will our harm. Some degree of malice is contained in every degree of anger. That is why it always hurts us when someone is angry at us. (148)



ANGER (continued)

3. “We choose or will to be angry”

We can actively receive it and decide to indulge it, and we usually do. We may even become an angry person... rage in constant readiness. (148)

Find a person who has embraced anger and you find a person with a wounded ego - the importance of the self.

Self-righteousness vs. Kingdom “Dikaiousune”

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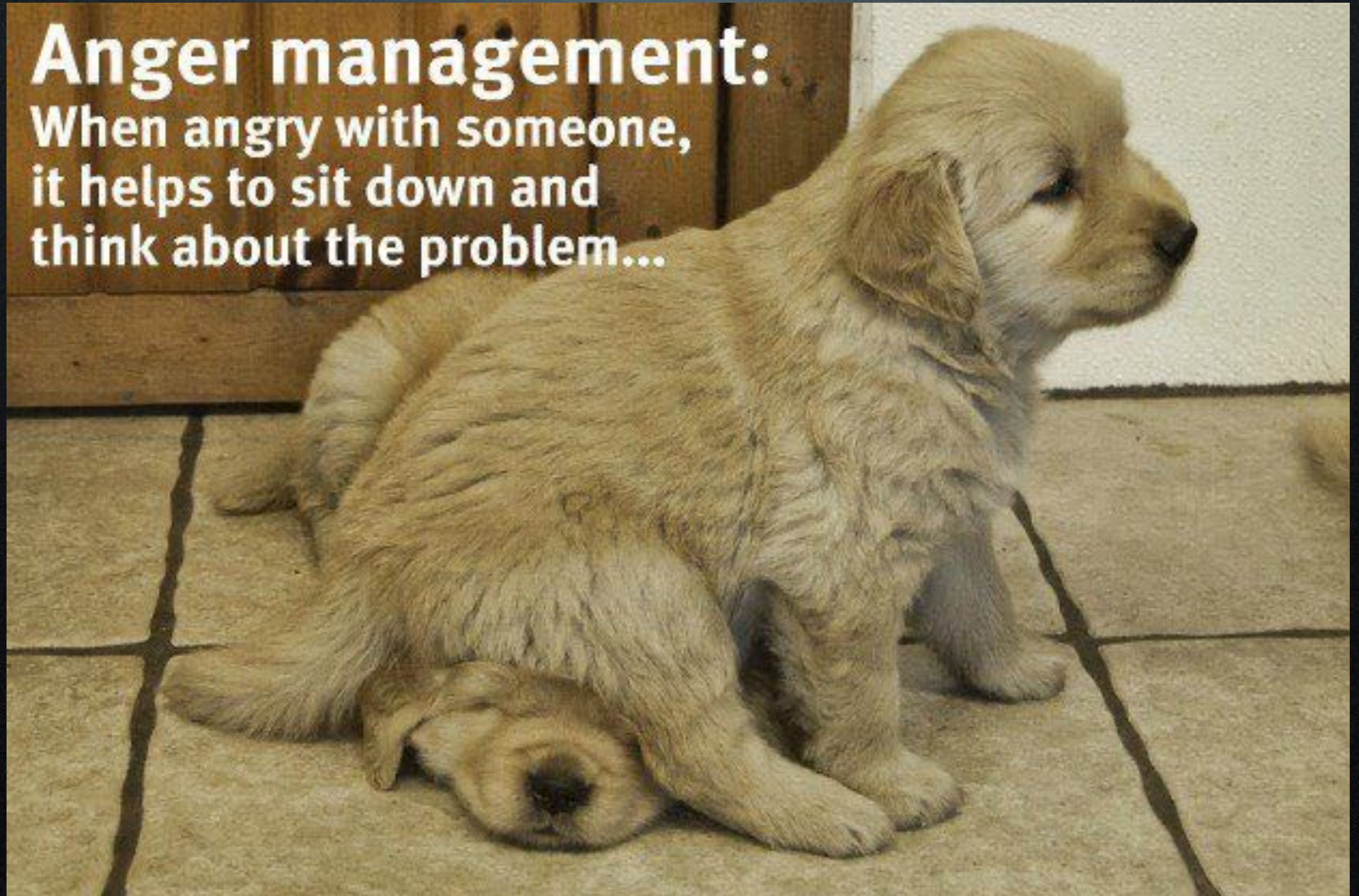


There is nothing that can be done with anger
that cannot be done better without it.

(151)

Anger management:

When angry with someone,
it helps to sit down and
think about the problem...



CONTEMPT

Worse than anger.

Contempt makes it easier for us to hurt them or see them further degraded. (151)

Contempt = To Exclude - Push away - Leave out - Isolate

Contemptuous actions and attitudes are a knife in the heart that permanently harms and mutilates people's souls. (152)

Contempt spits on this pathetically deep need [to belong]. (153)

"You fool!" - Combines all that is evil in anger and contempt. (154)

"#@%*!"

These Three Prohibitions are not Laws

Certainly we are not to do them, but that is not the point. Jesus is working, at the much deeper level of the source of actions - good and bad.

No one can be right in the Kingdom sense who is not transformed at this level.

- When I go to NY, I don't worry about not going to London.

When I treasure those around me and see them as God's creatures designed for His eternal purposes, I do not make an additional point of not hating them.

Laws can not reach the heart. Graceful relationship sustained with the masterful Christ certainly can.

We learn this in discipleship to Christ.



A few words from Dallas...

“Stepping out of Anger”

“I am crucified with Christ.”

Session #11 [21:20-23:25]

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“Since anger is a ‘will phenomenon’, that is where you have to begin. Stepping out of anger presupposes you have surrendered your will to God. You don’t have to have your way. Surrender to the will of God effects a pervasive change in all of our lives. This is the meaning of the Cross in spiritual growth and redemption. Jesus did not die on the Cross that we would not have to die on the Cross but that we would join him in His death on the Cross.”

“I am crucified with Christ.”

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Two Positive Illustrations of the Kingdom Heart

#1 – Presenting Your Sacrifice at the Altar

“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.” (5:23-24)

Now just think of what the quality of life and character must be in a person who would routinely interrupt sacred rituals to pursue reconciliation with a fellow human being...a vision of true rightness beyond. (156)

To show us the rightness of the Kingdom heart.





A few more words from Dallas...

“Contrasting ritual with genuine goodness”

“Leave your gift and be reconciled.”

Session #11 [42:15-44:00]

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#1 — Presenting Your Sacrifice at the Altar (continued)

“There is always a tendency in religious institutions to glorify those processes to such an extent that people wind up substituting ritual behavior for moral rightness. Jesus is going counter to that. He is suggesting an outrageous thing that you would interrupt a ritual in the temple to do something “trivial” like go to make things right with your brother...He is saying that to show what it is really like to not just not kill your brother but to really love...Substitute ritual behavior for genuine goodness and rightness.”

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“The Divine Conspiracy Lectures”, Session 11 [42:15-44:00]

2nd Positive Illustrations of the Kingdom Heart

#2 – Being Sued in Court

“Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.” (5:25-26)

“A further illustration of the genuine heart of a kingdom person so far from killing them that if they go to law, they are friendly. Doesn't say you should not go to law, but you go to law in love.”



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“The Divine Conspiracy Lectures”, Session 11 [44:30]

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.



(157)



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'. (158)



Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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



Q&A

Meditation — *Matthew 5:21-26*

Application

Q — Honestly, how angry am I? How conditioned are my body, my mouth, my spirit to be angry?

Q - For whom do I have contempt? An individual, a race, a position, a group?

Q - How does the height of my anger reveal the shallowness of my view of the Kingdom?

Q - What am I doing to “sustain a graceful relationship with Jesus”? (155)



Next Week — Session 15

Chapter 5 - The Rightness of The Kingdom Heart:
Beyond the Goodness of Scribes & Pharisees

“Fantasized Desire, Adultery & Divorce”

Matthew 5:27-32

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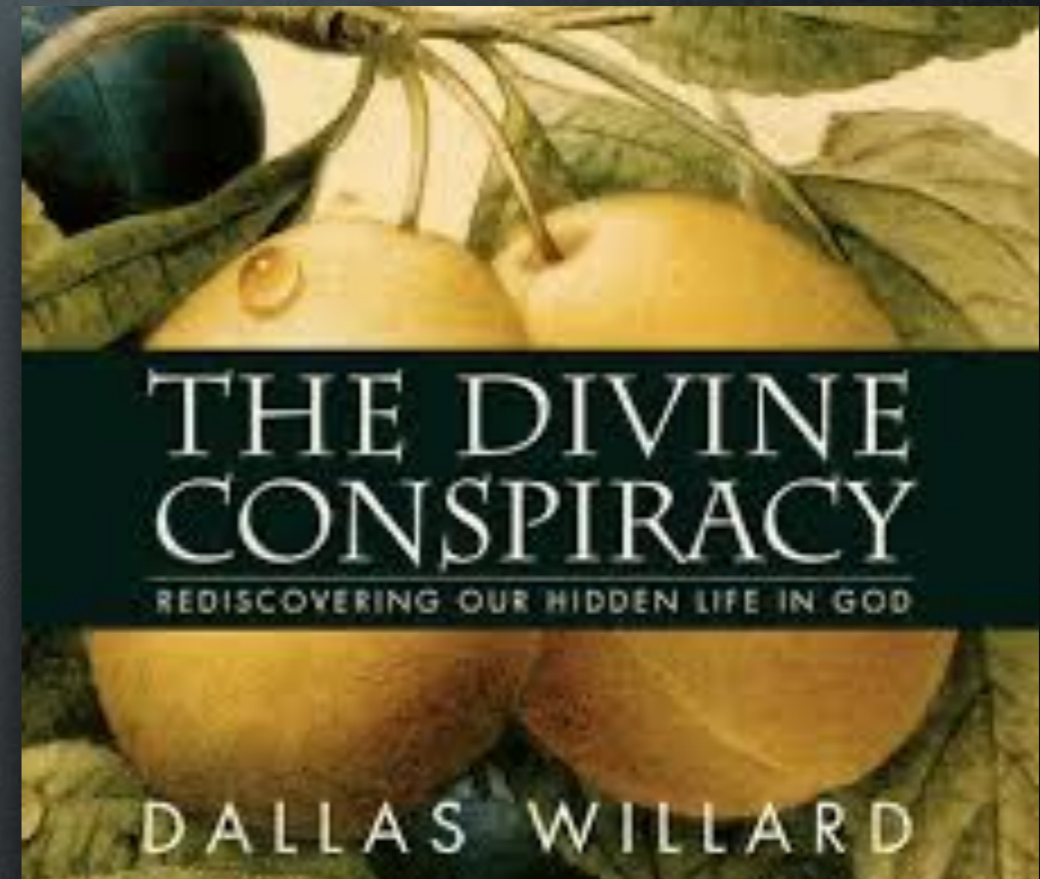
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Session 14 Summary

Standing in the Kingdom creates a good heart person who willfully sets aside self and its anger, contempt and verbal evisceration to seek the good of others as a natural law of life.



May agape ravish
your anger in your
next 10,000 minutes!

Doug



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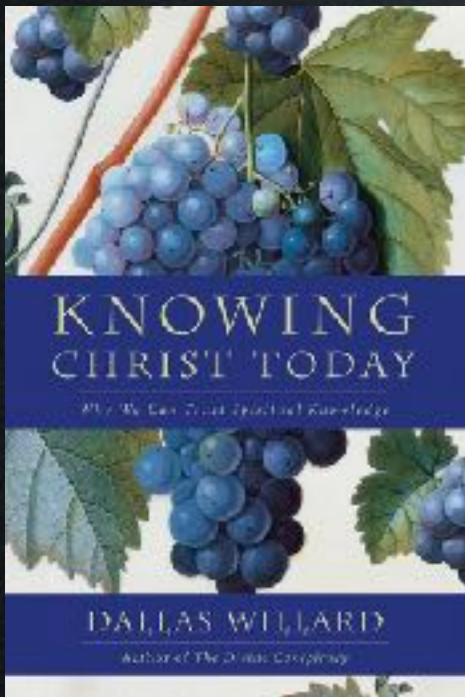
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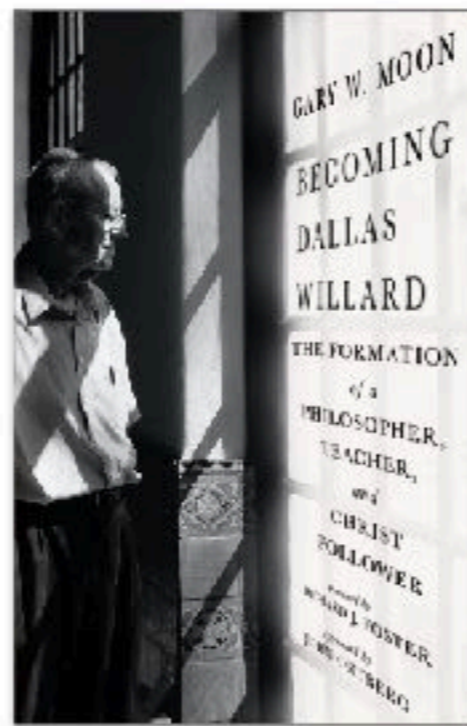
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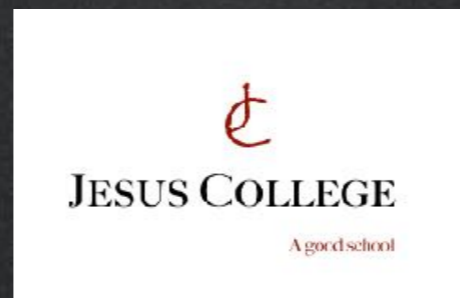
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