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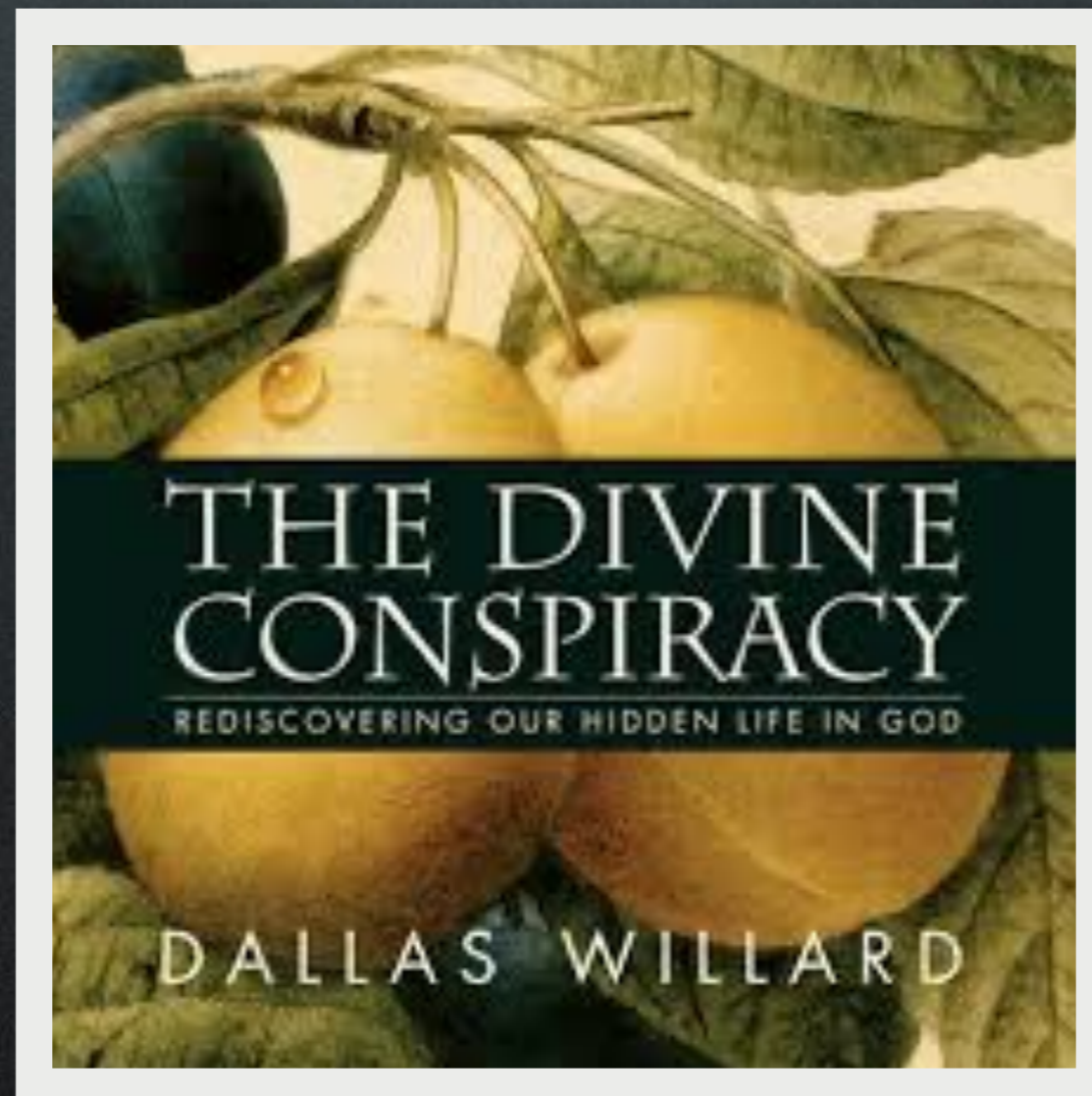
# THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY

Chapter 9 - “A Curriculum for Christlikeness”

Session 30 - “*Acquiring Habits of Goodness*”

The Golden Triangle of Spiritual Growth: (part 3)

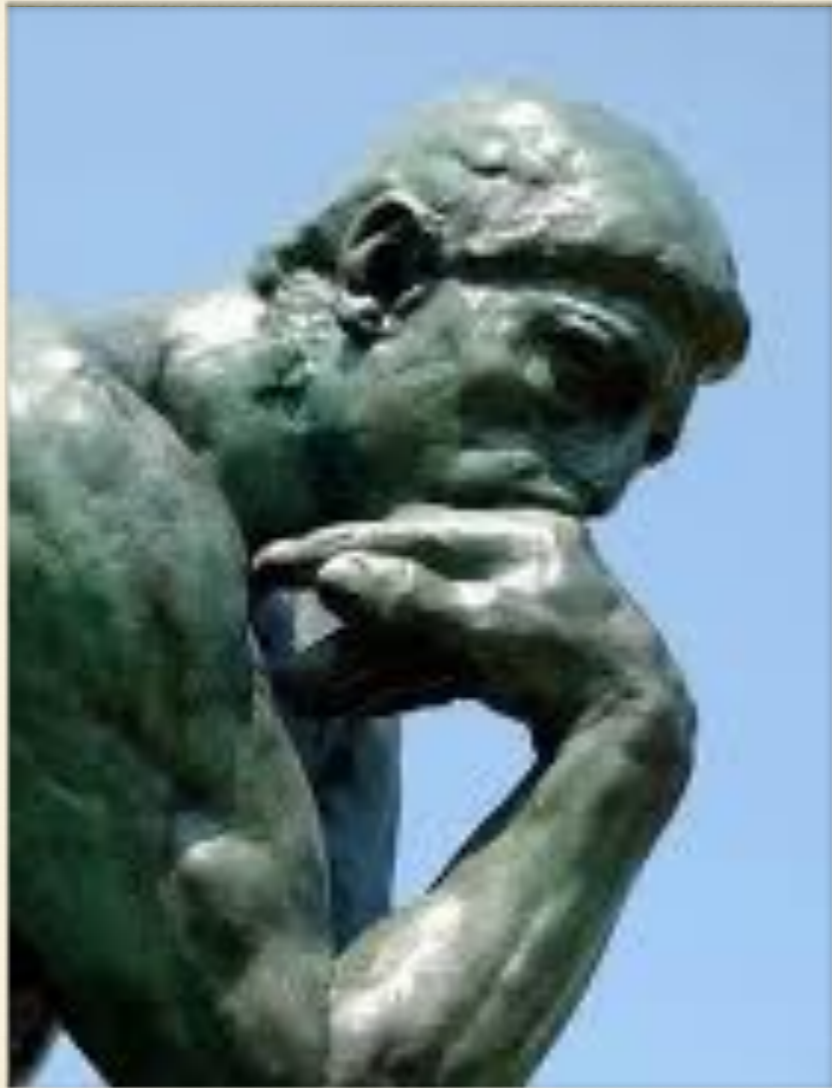
*Planned Disciplines*



# Two Primary Objectives for Christlikeness

Enthralling the Mind with God

Practicing the Habits of Goodness



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## Chapter 9 - “A Curriculum for Christlikeness”

### REVIEW: *Session 29 - “Acquiring Habits of Goodness”*

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)



# The Golden Triangle of Spiritual Growth (347)

$\Delta 1 \approx$  His Holy Spirit

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



The Mind of Christ

$\Delta 3 \approx$  Planned Disciplines

“Any activity within our power that we engage in to enable us to do what we cannot do by direct effort.”

(353)

$\Delta 2 \approx$  Ordinary Events

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

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

“Take Courage. It is I. Do not be afraid.”

Jesus to Peter in the boat during the storm - Matthew 14:27

“Train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”

I Timothy 4:7-8

*“Offering our bodies as living sacrifices.”* Romans 12:2

“The Lord is my Shepherd; I lack nothing.”

Psalm 23:1

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## THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY

### Chapter 9 - "A Curriculum for Christlikeness"

#### Objective # 2 for Christlikeness

Practicing the Habits of Goodness

#### Part 3 of the Golden Triangle - *Planned Disciplines* (continued)

My Nature?      Sinful or Mindful of God

My Body?      Habits of Goodness or Bad Habits

My Goal?      The Heart of Jesus beating strong in me  
--> Spiritual exercise to strengthen your agape heart

REVIEW: "To replace wrong habits with automatic responses that flow with the Kingdom of Jesus and sustain themselves from its power." (343)



## Part 3 of the Golden Triangle - *Planned Disciplines* (continued)

### **1. Spiritual Disciplines**

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

### **2. The Body is Central**

It [the body] is the chief repository of the wrong habits that we must set aside. (353)

Appropriate disciplines for developing new habits, kingdom habits, are practiced. (354)





## Part 3 of the Golden Triangle - *Planned Disciplines* (continued)

### **Modeled after the Master**

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.” Mark 1:35

Follow Jesus into the activities He engaged in to nurture  
His own life in relation to the Father. (354)

Enter [disciplines] with Jesus as Teacher to find the incredible  
power they have to change one's world and character. (355)

# Automatic or Stick?

$\Delta 1 \approx$  His Holy Spirit



$\Delta 2 \approx$  Ordinary Events

$\Delta 3 \approx$  Disciplines

Training that will bring us to do from the heart  
the things that Jesus knew to be best. (354)



## **A Lesson from the Laundromat**

Sometimes it's doing the same thing differently...



Intensity is crucial for  
any progress. (356)





A few words from Dallas  
*"Changed Lives - Is it real?"*

**"Spirit of the Disciplines"**

Session 1 of 3 [1:00:15 - 1:02:45]



† Cross Fit

## **A List of Spiritual Disciplines = “Habits of Goodness”**

### **Δ3 Disciplines of Disengagement (Retreat)**

solitude, silence, fasting, frugality,  
chastity, secrecy, sacrifice, watching

### **Δ3 Disciplines of Engagement (Advance)**

prayer, study, meditation, memorization, worship,  
celebration, service, fellowship, confession, submission,  
simplicity, obedience, generosity, giving, guidance, pilgrimage

# Two Abstinence Habits: **Solitude** & **Silence** (357-360)

Inner space that permits us to be aware...

The capacity to do nothing... (358)



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Muddy water only becomes clear if you let it sit for a while. (359)

*I have a soul.*

*God is near.*



*They are not as bad.*

*The cure for loneliness.*

*“All the unhappiness of men arises from one single fact,  
that they are unable to stay quietly in their own room.”*

Blaine Pascal (358)



## Two Engagement Habits: **Study** & **Worship** (360-364)

**STUDY** - the chief way to take in the order and nature of the Kingdom into my thoughts, feelings and actions.



*Devoted Attention ~ Thoughtful Inquiry  
Practical Experimentation (361)*

In **WORSHIP** we are ascribing greatness, goodness, and glory to God.” (363)

*“Worship is astonished reverence,  
admiration to the point of wonder.” AW Tozer*







## Rock House Blueprint

To put off the old and put on the new,  
we must have a plan.



Incorporate the Golden Triangle...life will be  
different in content and organization.



What is my plan for doing that?

(363-364)

## **Practical Steps for the Two Primary Objectives (364-365)**

1. Explain all of this in the context of the gospel of the Kingdom, deal with any problems of understanding, and walk individual disciples through cases, helping them to experience and believe in the goodness of the rightness in Jesus' command.
2. Give assignments relative to their tendencies.
3. Ask them to keep a journal.
4. Give further teaching and practical suggestions as needed.
5. Take them through the individualized practical measures previously indicated...through their own real life cases.

## **General Form of the Teaching: (366)**

- 1) Kingdom Revelation - "Context of Father's rule thru Jesus"
- 2) Real Response  
"Experienced based understanding & assurance."

## **Five Dimensions of the Eternal Kind of Life in the Kingdom Among Us (366-369)**

1. Confidence and reliance upon Jesus. *John 3:15, Rom. 10:9-10*
2. Desire to be an Apprentice. *John 8:31, 36*
3. Love of Jesus makes obedience possible. *John 14:15, 21*
4. Obedience leads to and issues from pervasive inner transformation of the heart and soul. *Galatians 5:22*
5. There is power to work the works...in His Kingdom we should have as much power as we can bear for good. *John 14:12*

**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 30 \* Recommended Teachings**

[Session #11 - "Living without Anger"](#)

“Planned Disciplines”

[1:00:50-1:08:00]

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

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

\* See the Course reading schedule for related teachings

# Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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



Q&A

80:00 + 10K

**Meditation** — Romans 12:1-2

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

Q — How is my plan for spiritual growth developing? (363, 352)

Q — What will I NOT do this week to practice trusting in the Kingdom among us?

Silence, solitude, patiently listening,  
not acting, advising, waiting...

Q — Who is my spiritual training partner with whom I am sharing my growth plan?



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*“You must  
have a plan.”*

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Extensive...*

## Session 30 Summary

The important insight to guide us at this point is that to build our house upon the rock, putting off the old person and putting on the new, we must have a definite plan for doing so. (363)





# **Next Week — Final Session 31**

Chapter 10 - “Restoration of All things”

Hardback - pp. 374-400

Paperback - pp. 409-436

(All of Chapter 10)

**> Recorded Sessions + Slides <**

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From Jesus College & Dallas Willards Ministries  
to the Apprentices who complete the 31 session

The Divine Conspiracy Course



# CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

*This Certifies that*

*Frank Laubach*

*Has diligently and devotedly completed in October, 2023, the Course*

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\* - Based on teachings by Dallas Willard:  
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&  
*“The Human Side of Holiness”*

Session 1 - What is a worldview?

Session 2 - A Jesus worldview

Session 3 - Teaching a Jesus worldview  
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September 4, 1935 - May 8, 2013

Beloved Professor of Philosophy (1965-2012)

“You cannot ‘opt out’ of having a worldview.  
You can only try to have one that most accords with reality,  
including the whole realm of facts concerning what is genuinely good.  
The four questions any worldview must answer are:

What is reality?

Who is well-off?

Who is truly a good person?

How does one become a truly good person?



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practice with Coach  
Jesus in your next  
10,000 minutes!

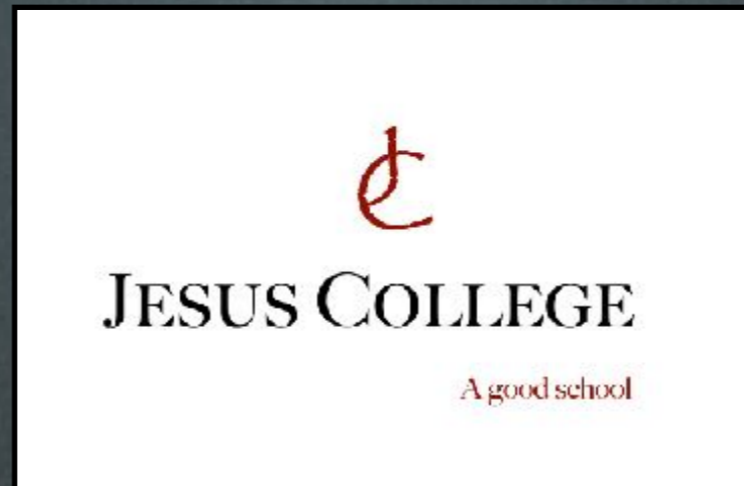
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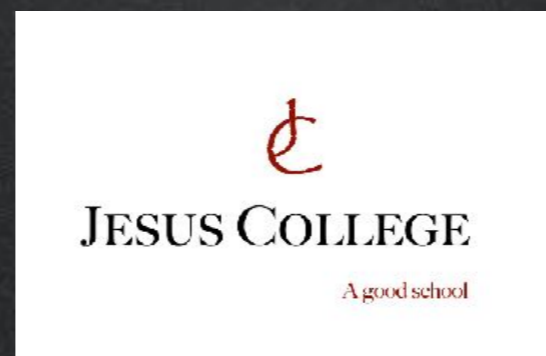
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