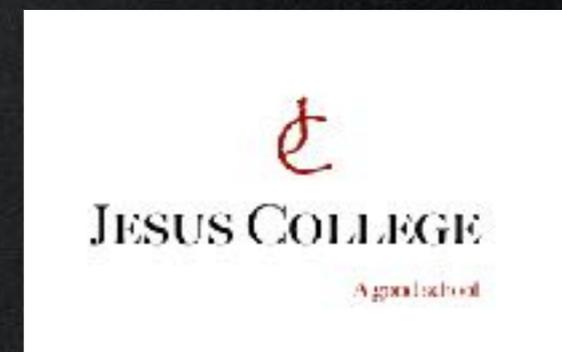


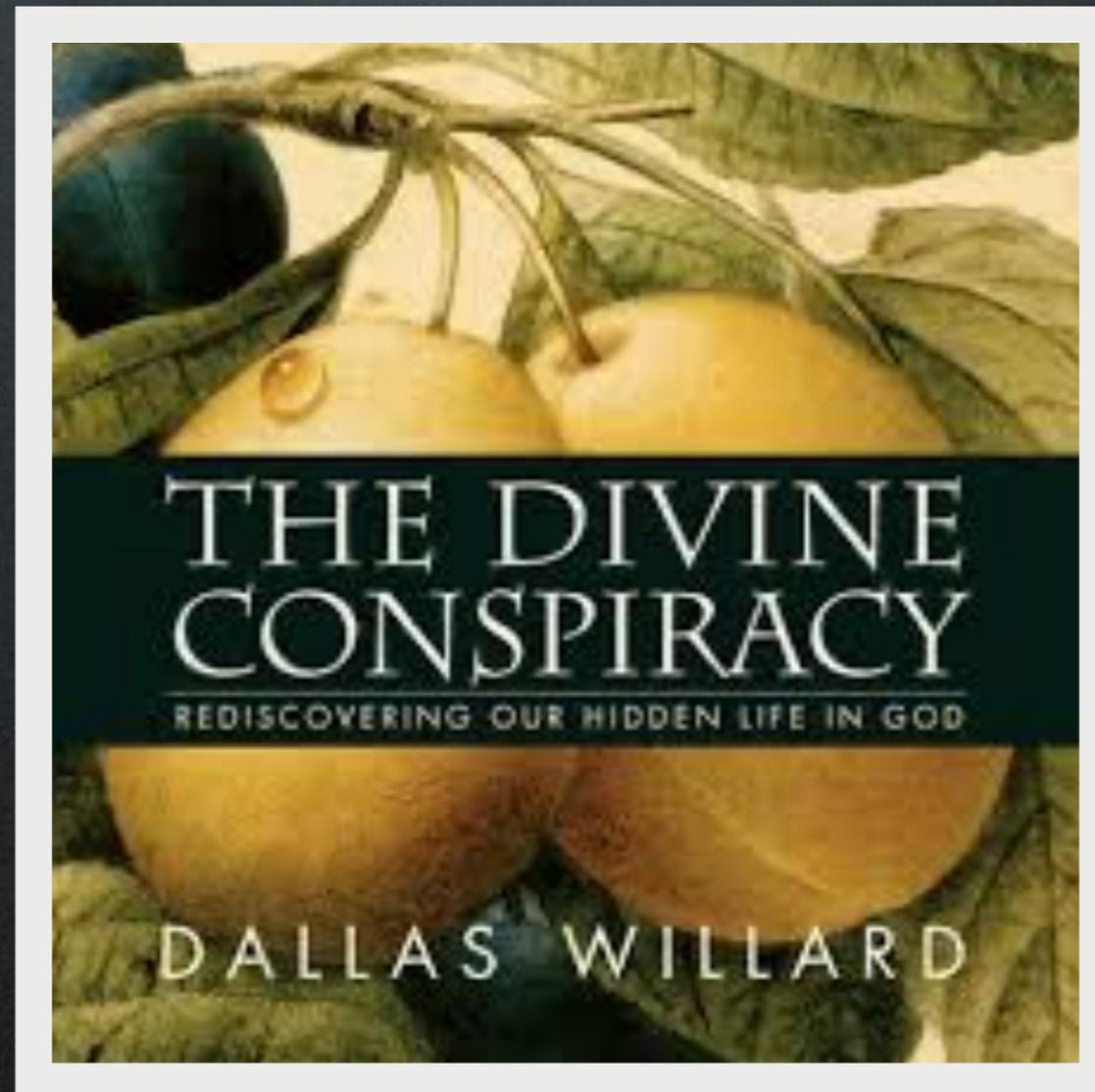
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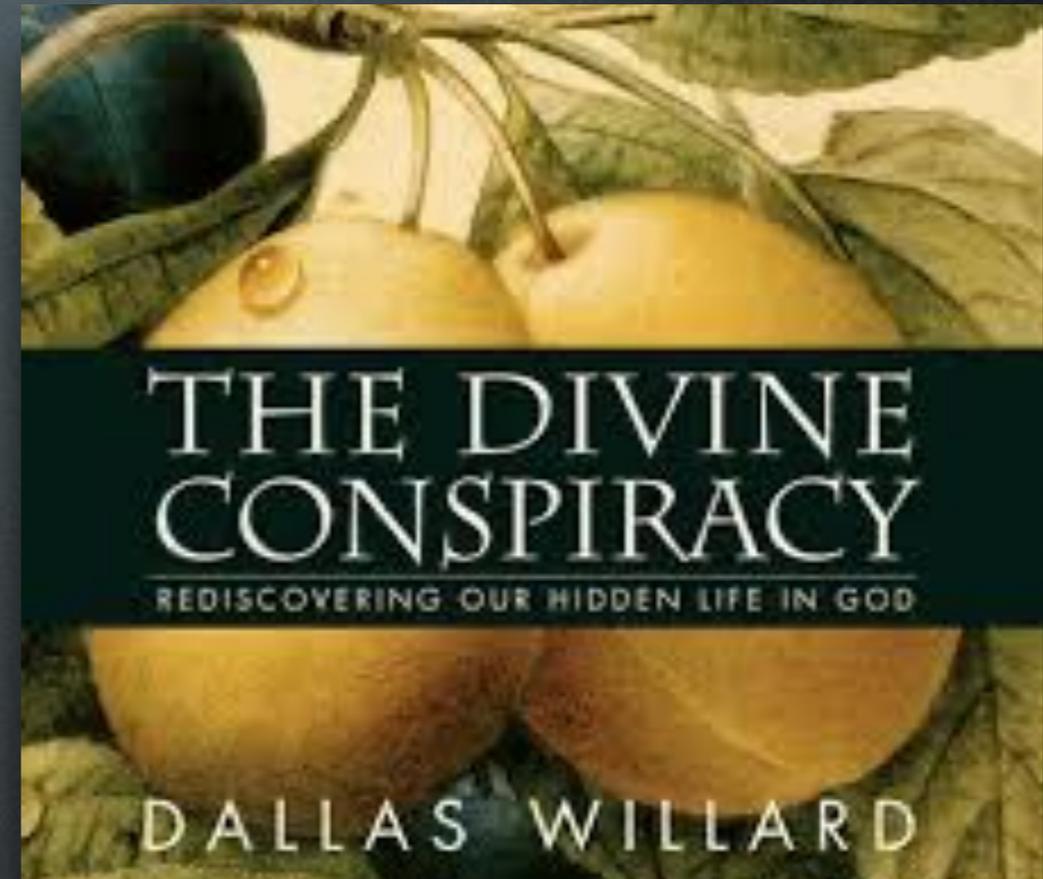
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Chapter 5 Review

Our confidence in Jesus has placed us into a living union with The Kingdom Among Us allowing us to be a part of His conspiracy to undermine the structures of evil with the forces of truth, freedom, and love...having shown us true well being in the goodness of the Kingdom heart.



(188)

He calls us to Him to impart Himself to us. He does not call us to do what He did, but to be as He was, permeated with love.

(183)

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“This is the heart of the matter. It all comes down to these day to day little things, where we have to make decisions and the choice is — who we are going to be — our kingdom people or God’s Kingdom people.”

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6:1 "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in Heaven. 2 So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your right hand know what your left hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." Matthew 6:1-4

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Who is Your Audience?

1st - The teaching is not that we should hide our good deeds. (189)

2nd - Our intent is determined by what we want and expect from our action. (190)

God does not like to be present where He is not wanted. He knows when He is wanted and when He is not. He does not intrude, generally speaking. (190)



I DREAMED ONE DAY
TO SEE MY NAME UP IN LIGHTS!



Wait, Jesus first said...

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Now, Jesus said...

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them.” Matthew 6:1

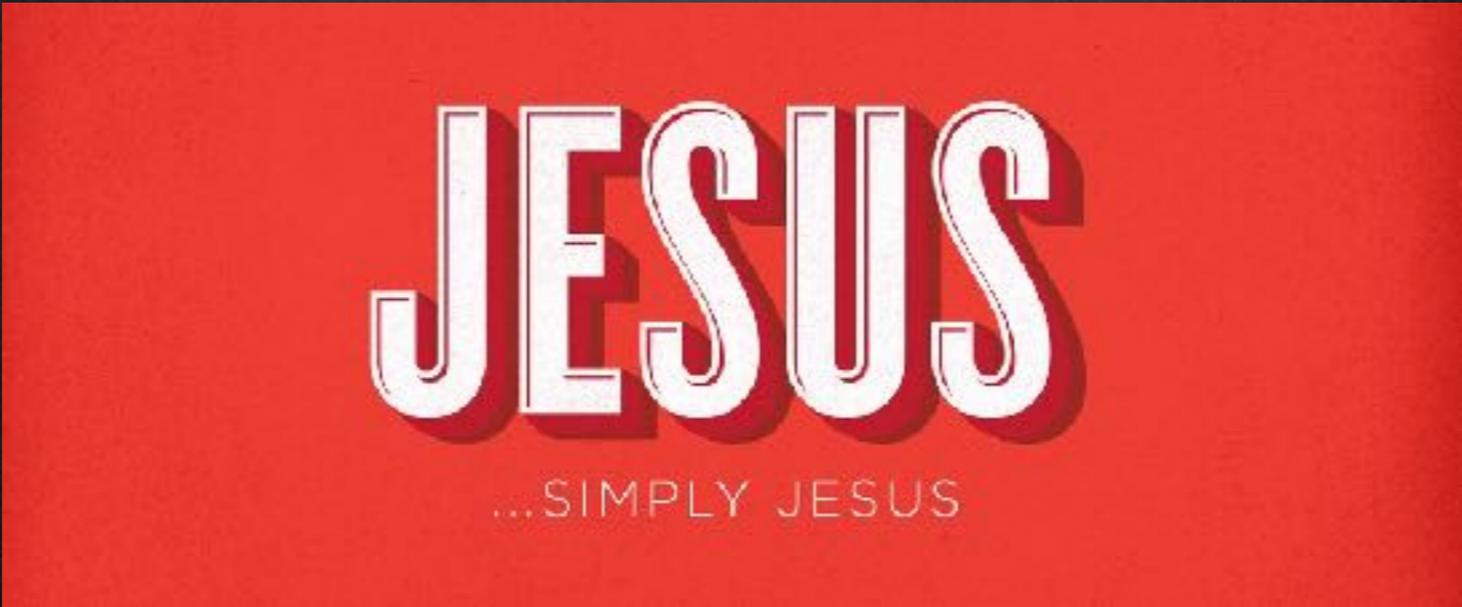
Is Jesus teaching us to go public or stay private?

The 1st Teaching :: God looks good “that they may see”

The 2nd Teaching :: I look good “to be seen”

“What if we made Jesus the most popular person in the room?”

Doug Fields



JESUS

...SIMPLY JESUS



Disciplines as a Means of Grace...

1. GIVING

2. PRAYING

3. FASTING

...to practice what Jesus taught!



Disciplines as a Means of Grace

1. GIVING — Matthew 6:1-4

“Hypocrite” - Used 17 times by Jesus
(def.) “an actor, one being on stage” (191)

Left Hand/Right Hand

Generous people do what they do naturally,
often automatically. (192)



Disciplines as a Means of Grace (continued)

2. PRAYING — Matthew 6:5-15

Again, the ego swells, the soul shrivels. (193, 191)

Kingdom praying and its efficacy is entirely a matter of the innermost heart being totally open and honest before God.

In apprenticeship to Jesus...He teaches us how to be in prayer what we are in life and how to be in life what we are in prayer.

(195)



Disciplines as a Means of Grace (continued)

3. FASTING — Matthew 6:16-18

Jesus indicates that physical nourishment too was available directly from spiritual sources. (198)

* Manna from Heaven

Nourishing ourselves on the person of Jesus. (199)

“Fasting enables us to remain sweet and strong when we don’t get our way.”

Dallas Willard

The Discipline of Secrecy will help us break the grip of human opinion over our souls and our actions.

(200)





“The public nature of our Christianity
versus
the private nature of our Christ.”

doug webster



Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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



Q&A

Meditation — *John 5:36-44*

Application

Q — Who am I trying to impress? Why do his/her/their opinions matter so much?

Q — What “blessings” or “impact” do I seek to replace life in Jesus, simply Jesus?

Q — Is Jesus alone enough for me?

Q — What is one action through which I can practice the Discipline of Secrecy in the next 10,000 minutes?

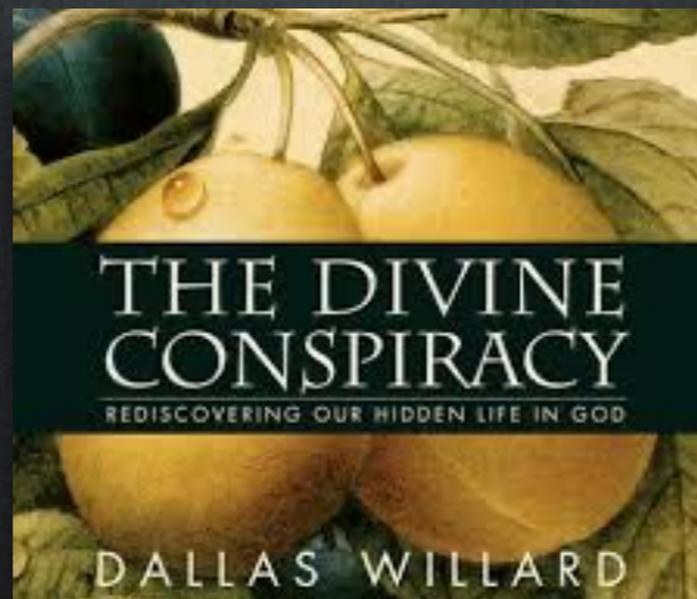


Session 17 Summary

A thoughtful examination of local gatherings of Christian believers may reveal that in this teaching Jesus lays His finger upon a primary cause of their [our] ineffectiveness as schools of eternal living.

(201)

If our lives and works are **to be of the Kingdom of God**, we must not have human approval as a primary or even major aim. (202)



Next Week — Session 18

Chapter 6 - "Investing in the Heavens:
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“The Bondage of Wealth”

Matthew 6:19-34

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“Becoming Kingdom People in Day to Day Life”

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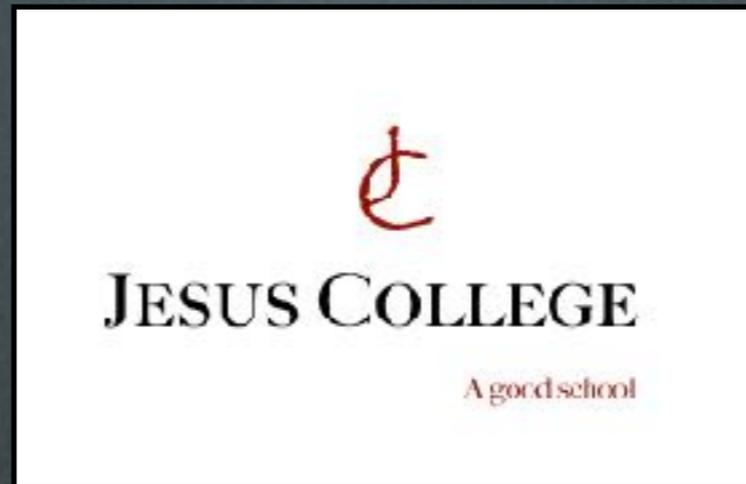
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