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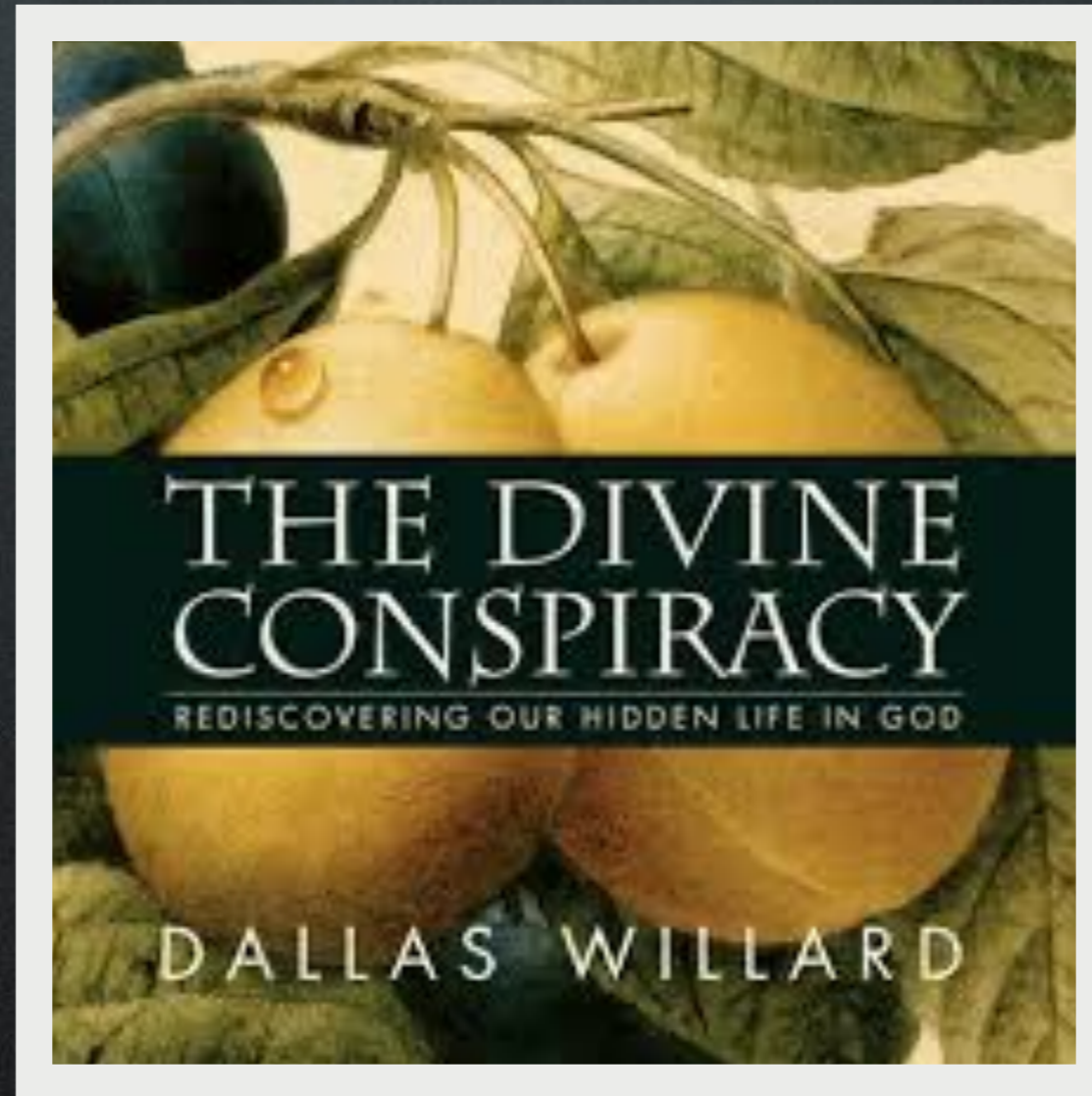
THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY

Chapter 5 - "The Rightness of The Kingdom Heart:

Beyond the Goodness of Scribes & Pharisees"

Session 13 - "Master of Moral Understanding"

& "The Law and the Soul"





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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"](#)

Session 12 Review

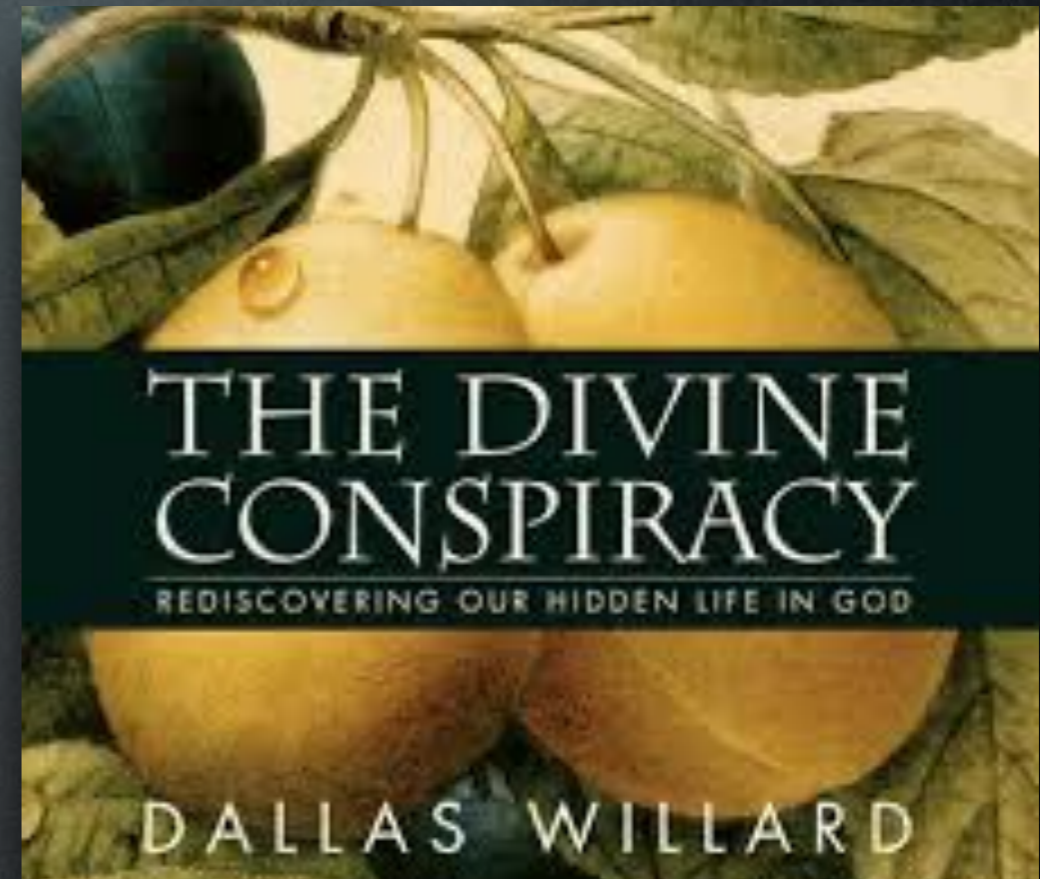
* *What then does Jesus say to us with His Beatitudes? (116)*

The hopeless are blessed. The well off are woeful. Jesus opens the Kingdom of the Heavens to everyone. (119)

No one is beyond beatitude. (122)

* *How are we to live in response to them? (116)*

God gives us light and makes us salt to illuminate, cleanse, preserve, and flavor the times through which we live. (125)



17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19 Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:17-20

“The good person, from the good treasured up in his heart,
produces what is good.”

Jesus of Nazareth

“The command ‘Be ye perfect’ is not idealistic gas. Nor is it a command to do the impossible. He is going to make us into creatures that can obey that command.”

CS Lewis



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Who is a really good person?



Master of Moral Understanding (129-139)

He actually knows how to enable people to be good...a heartfelt love toward all...not acts and projects, but a pervasive condition of vision, joy and love in which we habitually reside...the same quality of God's love... perfect as our Father in the heavens is perfect.

(129-130)

The Human Condition — We want to be good but we are ready to do evil, and we come prepared with lengthy justifications.

A little girl in Sunday School is asked,

“What is a lie?”

“An abomination to God...

and a very present help in time of trouble.”



(130)

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Who is a really good person?

Talk on the Hill

Masterful unity of the Sermon - not laws,
otherwise, Jesus is meaner than Moses.

The Sermon — Jesus' call into His Kingdom,
*Repent, for life in the Kingdom of the Heavens
is now one of your options.*

(133)



Another Look

The Brilliance of Jesus Christ

In our culture, Jesus is automatically disassociated from brilliance or intellectual capacity - “Master of those who know.” Would you be able to trust your life to such a person...be inclined to become His student? (134)

What lies at the heart of the astonishing disregard of Jesus, found in the moment-to-moment existence of multitudes of professing Christians, as a simple lack of respect for him. He's not seriously considered or presented as a person of great ability. What, then, can devotion of worship mean, if simple respect is not included in it? Not much. (135)



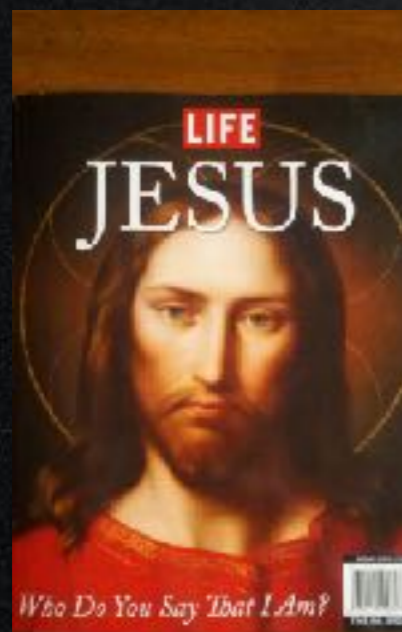
FLASHBACK

The Case of the Missing Teacher (Session 6)

The disappearance of Jesus as teacher explains why today in Christian churches little effort is made to teach people to do what He did and taught.

We do not seriously consider Jesus as our teacher on how to live, hence we can not think of ourselves, in our moment-to-moment existence, as His students or disciples.

(57)



FLASHBACK

Jesus...the Smartest Man in the World (Session 9)

Our commitment to Jesus can stand on no other foundation than a recognition that He is the one who knows the truth about our lives and our universe.

It is not possible to trust Jesus in matters where we do not believe Him to be competent. (94)





Picture of a Kingdom Heart (133, 137, 143, 147)

Matthew 5:20-48 — Precisely what fulfillment of the law looks like. (136)

A planned sermon in sequential order...

The sequential order of Kingdom life...

A progression toward a life of agape love. (137-139)





The Law and the Soul

Goodness = the Source (the Heart) of rightness,
the Law is the Course of rightness (142)

Matthew 5:17-20 - Beyond religious professionals deeds
"Life" not "Leaven"

The Law written on their kingdom hearts
Jeremiah 31:33, Hebrews 10:16

Righteousness = "True Inner Goodness" (145)
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Who is a really good person?

Righteous in something other than what you do!

“If you just try to do the right thing or not do the wrong thing, you will fail. You have to go to a deeper level of the self than controlling your action. This is the crux of the matter. The intention has to be applied at the right place.”

Session #7 [10:25-25:25]

“*The Divine Conspiracy*” Lectures

Harvey Fellows Summer Institute - 2007



A Thief is not just one who steals.

A Thief is one who would steal
if the opportunity presents itself.





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Who is a really good person?

Living Inside Out in Real Life

A Lesson from a Dishwasher

²⁵ “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.²⁶ Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.”

Matthew 23:25-26



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Who is a really good person?

Living Inside Out in Real Life

A Lesson from a Farmer

⁴³ “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. ⁴⁴ Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. ⁴⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.”

Luke 6:43-45

“Do we really believe what Jesus said is for us to do, we can do and should do? The overwhelming sense is we don't need to do it and probably can't.”

Dallas Willard



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“The only proper response to this word which Jesus brings with Him from eternity is simply to do it.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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



Q&A

Meditation — *Luke 6:43-45*

Application

Q - What does it mean to say,
“He is a good man!” “She is a good woman!”?

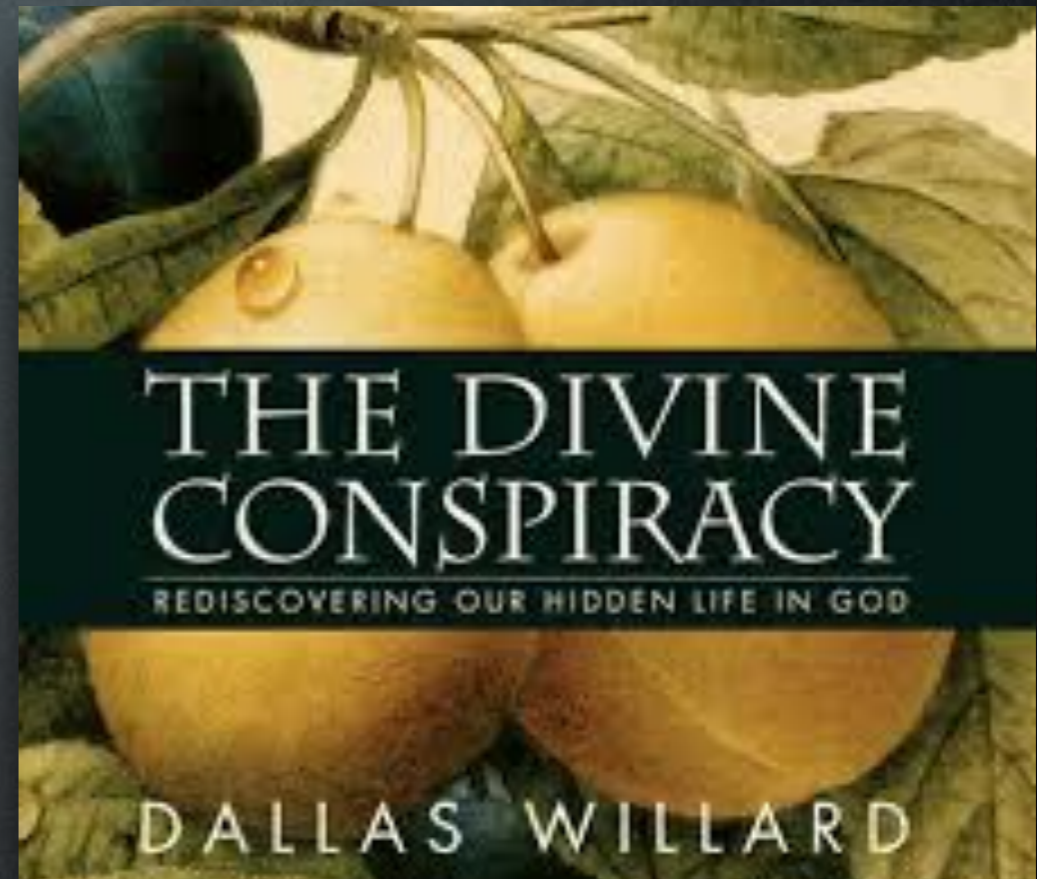
Q - Do I want to do what Jesus commanded?
Honestly, do I think I can?

Q - What am I working on currently with Jesus by His
grace to do what He said?



Session 13 Summary

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.



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 13 * Recommended Teachings

“Interacting with the Kingdom”

[DC #7 10:25-25:25](#) & [DC #10 06:50-22:05](#)

(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 14

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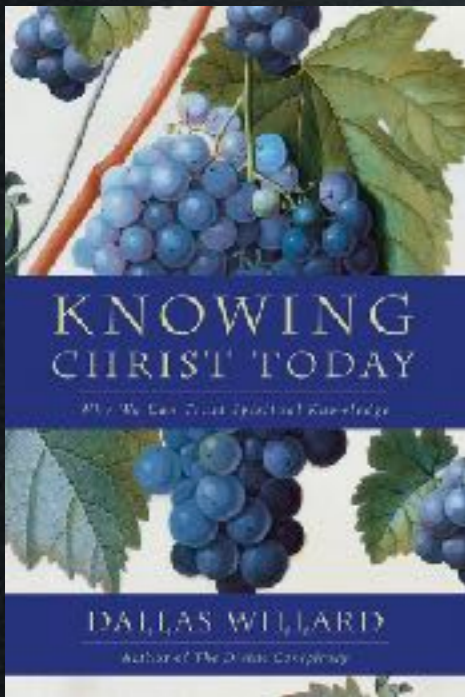
“In the Caldron of Anger & Contempt”

Hardback - pp. 147-158

Paperback - pp. 164-177

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10,000 minutes from
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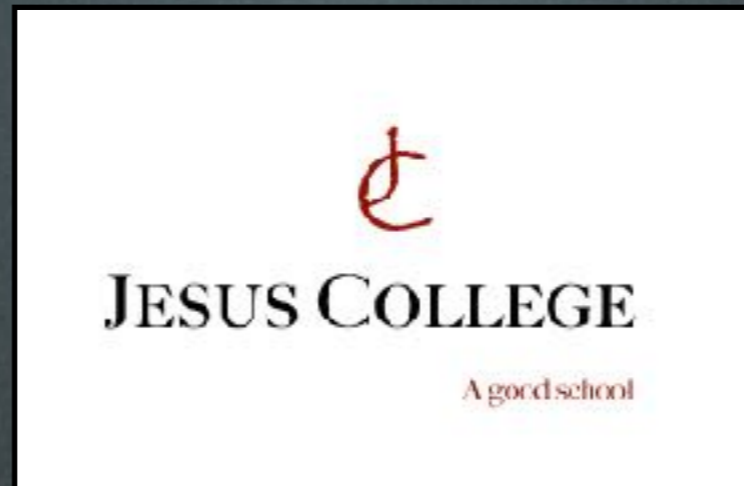
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