

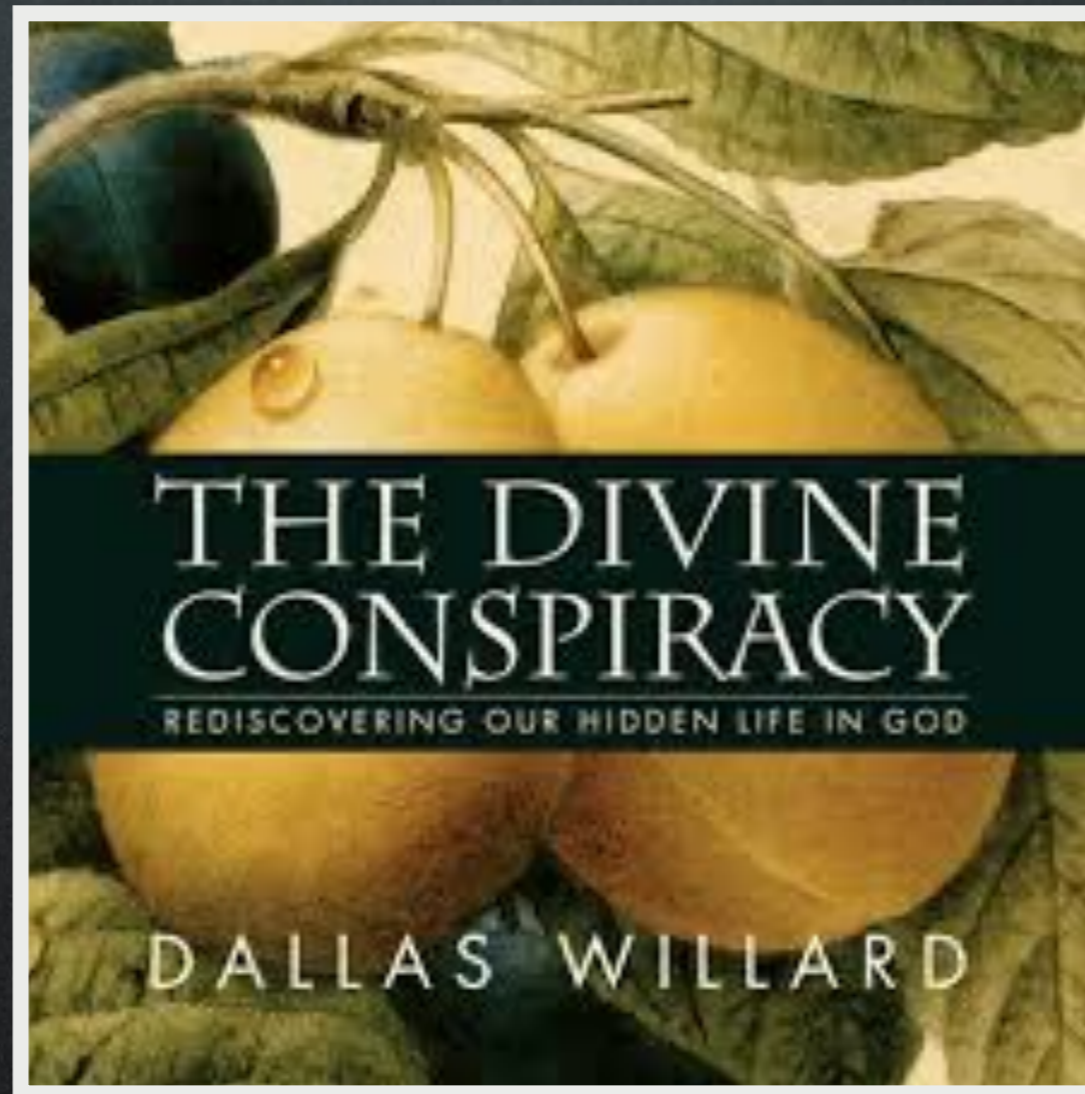
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Chapter 8 - “On Being a Disciple or a Student of Jesus”

Session 25 - *“How to Become a Disciple”*

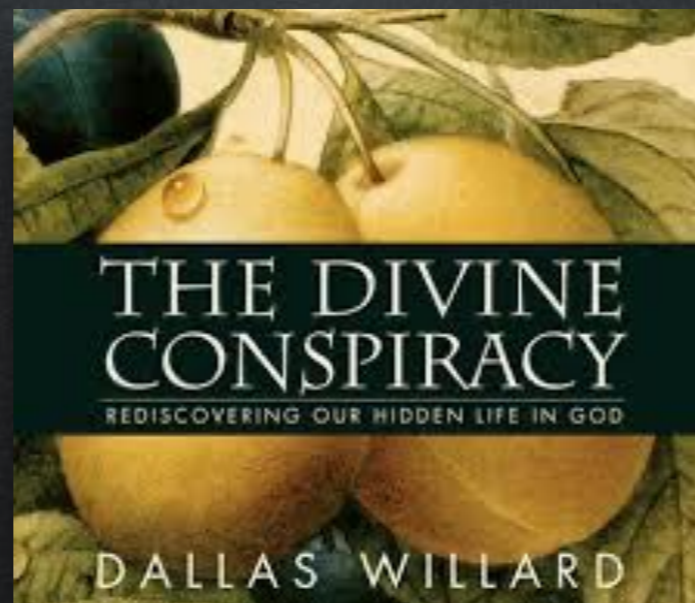


Session 24 Review - “How to Be a Disciple”

I am learning how to live my life as He would live my life if He were I.

My actual life is the focus of my apprenticeship to Jesus. I am learning from Jesus how to lead my life, my whole life, my real life.

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Session 25 - "How to Become a Disciple"

Discipleship remains, a distant, if only beautiful ideal....one can be a professing Christian and church member in good standing without being a disciple. There is apparently no real connection between being a Christian and being a disciple.

A disciple of Jesus is one who is with Jesus, learning to be like him. What, we must ask, is the state of the soul that would bring us to choose that condition? (291)

Obviously, one would feel great admiration and love, would really believe that Jesus is the most magnificent person who has ever lived! (292)

The Field and The Pearl

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. 46 When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Matthew 13:44-46





How to Become a Disciple — *Count the Cost*

The only thing these people were sweating about was whether they would, ‘get the deal’ — the field or pearl.

Now that is the soul of the disciple. (292)

As long as one thinks anything may really be more valuable than fellowship with Jesus in His Kingdom, one cannot learn from Him. (293)

Decisiveness & Joy = Life that is His Kingdom.

Luke 9:62 — “Hand to the plough”





“Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?
Follow me.”

And Peter did and never turned back and went on to write,
“...you believe in him and rejoice with
an indescribable and glorious joy.” (1 Peter 1:9)

What Should We do to Become a Disciple?

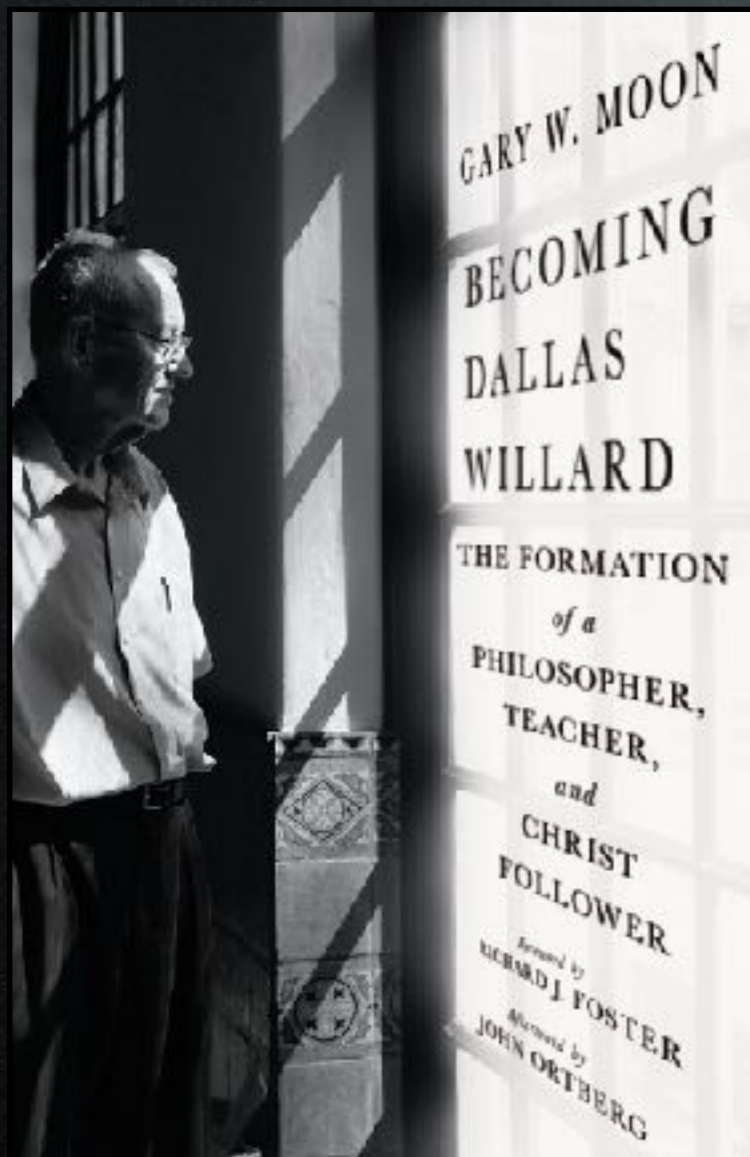
Ask — To see Jesus as He really is. Remember, the rule of the Kingdom is to ask. (295)

Dwell — Use every means at your disposal.

- Dwell in His words and put them into practice.
- Read the four gospels repeatedly.
- Soak your soul in the gospels.
—> We should not dabble but be thoughtfully serious.
- Seriously look at other apprentices - elevate the vision.
- Find groups of His apprentices and become deeply involved with them.



(296-297)



“Looking to the lives and personalities of great disciples has always been an especially potent factor in my own life. Generally, to keep company with genuine students and co-laborers of Jesus, living or ‘fully living’, will help us come to the place of effective intention and decision for ourselves.”

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What Should We do to Become a Disciple? (continued)

Now Decide: The Power of Decision and Intention

I rarely find any individual who has actually made a decision to live as a student of Jesus in the manner discussed in this book.

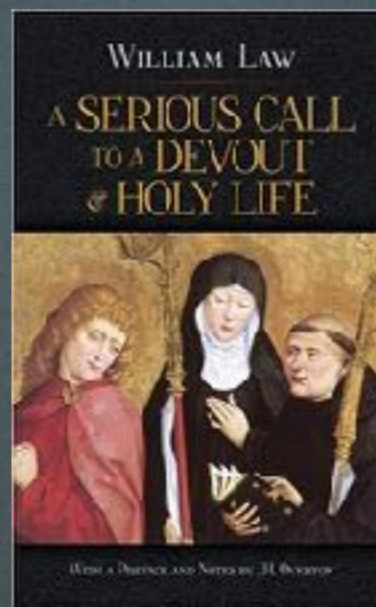
We do not drift into discipleship. (297)

We fail because we do not intend to be disciples. (298)

Intention and decision are absolutely fundamental to this matter of apprenticeship to Jesus. (299)

“I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back, no turning back.”





“For let a man but have so much piety as to intend to please God in all the actions of his life as the happiest and best thing in the world and then he will never swear more. It will be impossible for him to swear whilst he feels this intention within himself as it is impossible for a man to please his prince to go up and abuse him to his face.

If you were to stop and ask yourself why you were not as pious as the primitive Christians were, your own heart will tell you that it is neither through ignorance nor inability, but purely because you never thoroughly intended it.”

William Law

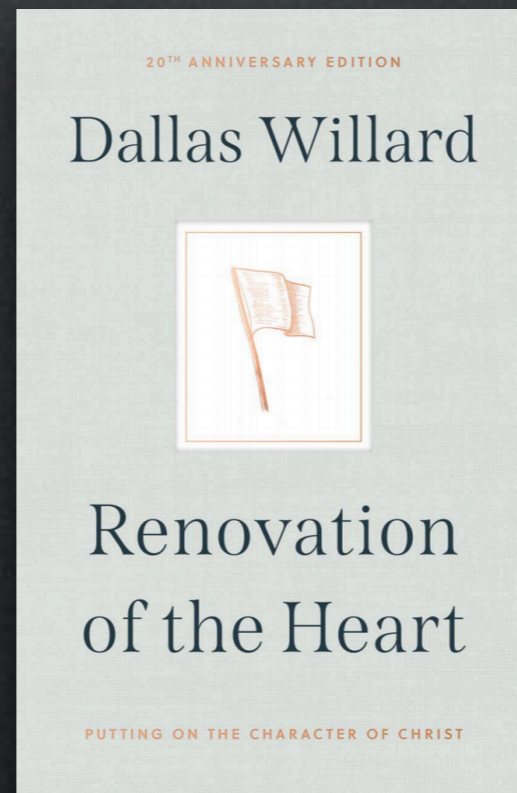
A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life, p. 56-57

RENOVATION OF THE HEART

Chapter 5 - *“Spiritual Change: The Reliable Pattern”*

“If we are to be spiritually formed in Christ, we must understand and implement the general pattern and all effective efforts toward personal transformation must follow – appropriate vision, intention & means.”

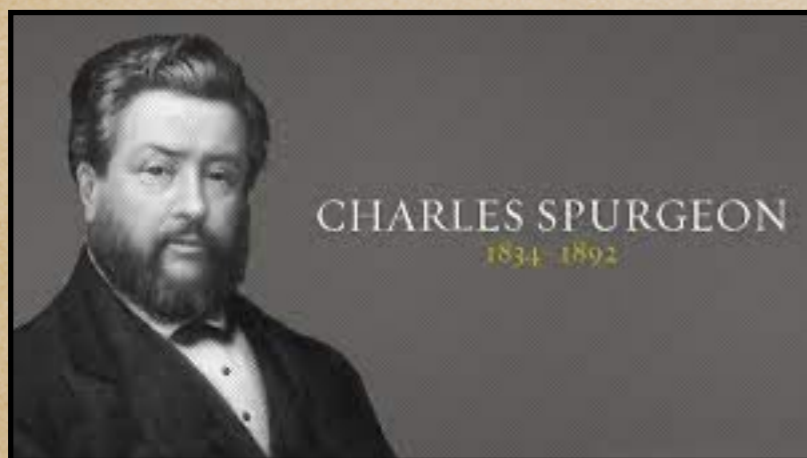
If this VIM pattern is not put in place properly and held there, Christ simply will not be formed in us.”



2021 Edition, p. 84

2002 Edition, p. 85

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CH Spurgeon
Morning & Evening - Luke 24:27

Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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



Q&A

Meditation — *John 21:15-19*

In the next 10,000 minutes...

Q — Am I an apprentice of Jesus?

Q — Am I intending to do all and be all the high things I profess to believe in?

Q — When have I clearly decided to do them?
How am I implementing my decision?

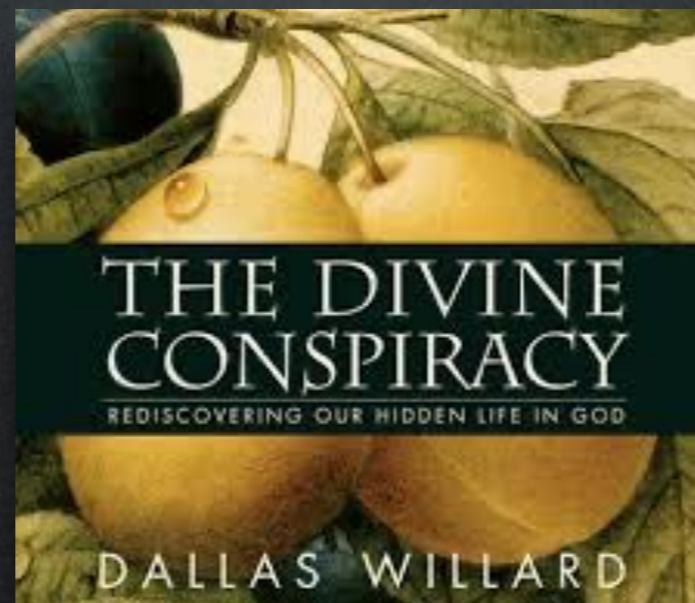


Session 25 Summary

Imagine groups of people who acknowledged the Lordship of Jesus where the whole purpose was to learn from Him.

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“The Divine Conspiracy Lectures” Session 5



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 26 * Recommended Teachings

[Session #5 - "Salvation Confusion"](#)

24:25 - 38:05

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

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* See the Course reading schedule for related teachings

Next Week — Session 26

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“Help Others Become Disciples”

Hardback - pp. 299-310

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intend, and practice
living your next 10,000
minutes with Jesus as
His apprentice!

Doug



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