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by Dallas Willard
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Session 9 Review

As a disciple of Jesus, I am apprenticing with Him to learn how to lead my ordinary life by the Holy Spirit through habits of goodness as Jesus would lead my life if He were me.



SESSION 10 — RELATIONSHIP OF MIND & SPIRIT

 **Session Theme** — “A vision of life where the power of God flows.”

“The Kingdom of God is not in words, it is in power.”

1 Corinthians 4:20

The V-I-M Principle *

VISION — *A “With-God” Lifestyle*

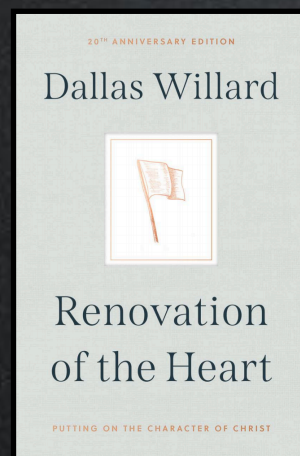
1. Of the Kingdom of God and your life in it
2. Character goals
3. Power—your empowerment

INTENTION — *“Make every effort” II Peter 1:5*

To actually fulfill the vision :: *Focus of my wanters*

MEANS

1. For realizing the vision
2. Spiritual Disciplines effectively implemented



* - *Renovation of the Heart*, chapter 5



V-I-M — The Biblical Pattern of Change

VISION — The Great Commandment — Mark 12:29-31

INTENTION — Growing in Grace & Knowledge — II Peter 3:18

MEANS — Do all in the name of Jesus — Colossians 3:17

My Worldview → *My Energy* → *My Reality*

TRUTH

KNOW

DESIRE

WHAT?

WHO?

ENVY

ADMIRE

DECIDE

"See"

"Want"

"Like"

Becoming Me



“V-I-M: 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 V-I-M pattern is not put in place properly and held there, Christ simply will not be formed in us.”

Dallas Willard
Renovation of the Heart
p. 84, 2021 edition



The Church V-I-M ¹

The Church always does best when it has the least. That's historically true. And it's true because as **MEANS** proliferate **VISION** and **INTENTION** diminish. Why is that? Because you start taking care of the means.

Session 10 [10:40]

Session 1 [7:20]

¹ - Page 2 of the Course Study Guide — V-I-M = Vision-Intention-Means — Dallas calls this the reliable pattern for spiritual change, really any change. As you envision a life with God as an apprentice of Jesus, you will seek and find the means to practice a life of hearing God. See Session 4 & 11 in this course. For expansion on V-I-M, see Renovation of the Heart, chapter 5 ([Webinar on the book](#).) Another rich resource on V-I-M is in the [Life With God Bible](#) Introduction, xxv-xxxvi]

Our Vision of Kingdom Life Power

Following Christ and learning to do the things that he did.

It is the vision of the Kingdom of God and your life in it that's the fundamental thing, that's why we start where we do. Then in that, character, goals. What kind of person was Jesus? What's your vision? What would your life be like, for example, if you actually exhibited the things that you see in the Sermon on the Mount? What would that look like? That's your vision.

Then power as Paul says in *1st Corinthians [4:20]*, “the kingdom of God is not in words, it is in power.” ... is the capacity to accomplish things. The kingdom is the Kingdom of God and there is power. So our vision would be a vision of a life in which there was a power flowing that is of God.

Dallas, Session 10 [12:00]

The Intention of the Church — Discipleship

INTENTION is where you're preaching the gospel. This is where you're calling people to commitment. This is gospel evangelism tied to discipleship. You might like the phrase, "discipleship evangelism," that is, evangelism specifically for the purpose of making disciples. ¹

"The Church is for discipleship." ²

1 — Session 10 [13:00]

2 — Session 9 {11:00 & 1:06:28}

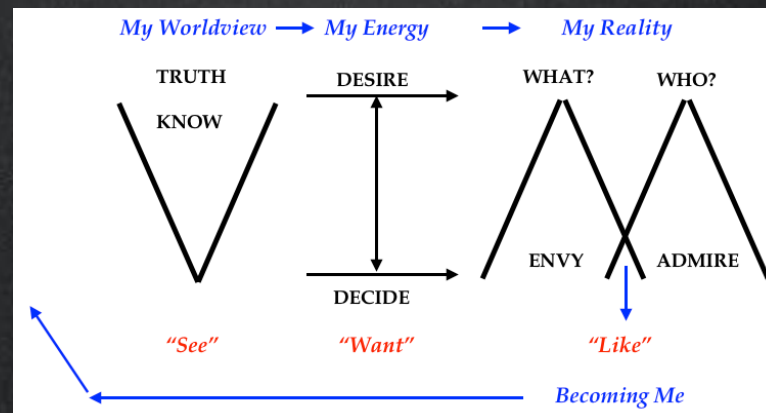
The V-I-M of the Disciple

You become a disciple and your **VISION** includes life in the Kingdom of God — character, goals, power.

You'll need some **MEANS**. This is where the **VISION** and **INTENTION** do the selecting. Because when you start selecting **MEANS** you're going to do it in the light of your **VISION** and your **INTENTION**.¹

We're in real trouble in ecclesiology...real trouble...incoherence.

Our **MEANS** for realizing the **VISION** is spiritual disciplines effectively implemented.²

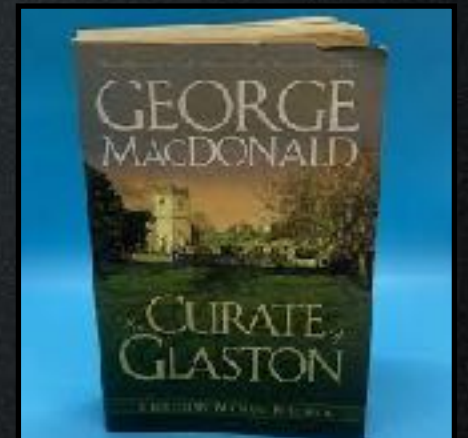


Session 10
1 — [16:20]
2 — [18:45]

Discipleship at Work

Most of your life to reign at your Job

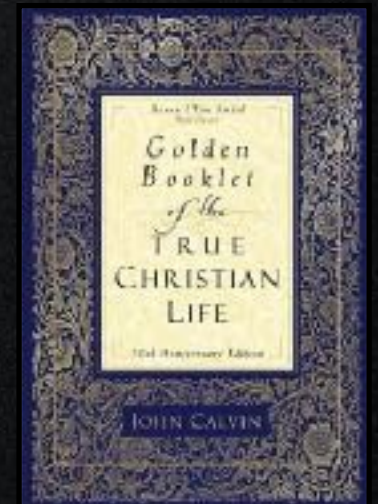
The Church disciplines you for life and work to help you reign in the divine calling of your vocation - “divine service”.¹ Gordon MacDonald



“Priesthood of the Believer”

Martin Luther’s “Plowboy & Milkmaid”

John Calvin - “Divine Calling”²



Session 10

1 — [20:45]

2 — [30:25]

Genesis 1:26 ~ The key verse
to the Bible...not John 3:16

The Means of V-I-M

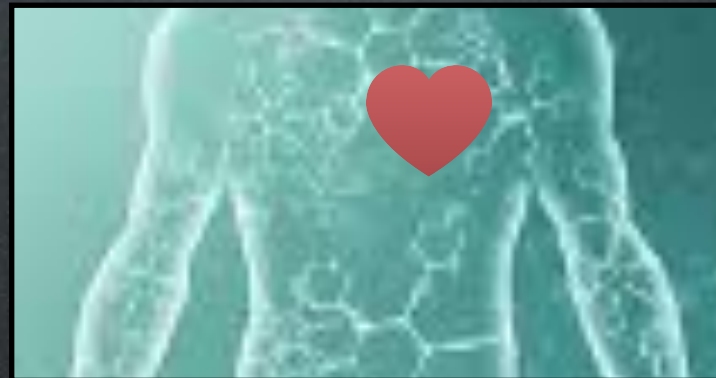
“Disciplines are something in your power that you can do to enable yourself to do what you can not do by direct effort.”

Session 10 @ 33:30; # 8 @ 1:04:00

Vision



Intention



Means



A spiritual tool belt to
get the job done.

Service • Submission

Solitude

The Will - William James

Getting a hold of the body and the mind

“Involuntary Life” — An idea (sensation, feeling) with impulse flows to involuntary action: “Ideomotor”...
...like picking up a pen from the floor.

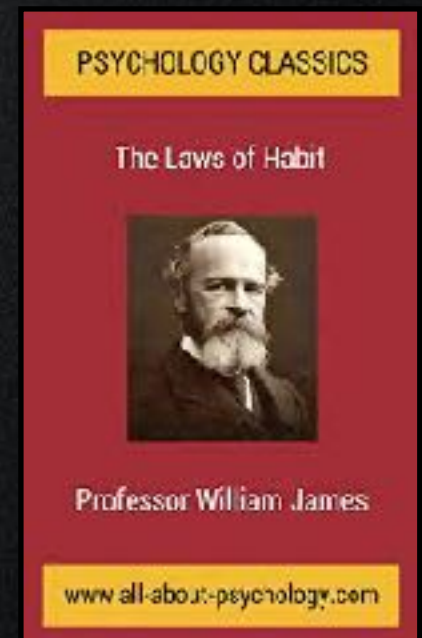
“Fiat” — Consent with tension of an intervening idea with prominence for the act of will.

“Antagonistic Representation” — Conflicting idea in mind, ought not to be when driving!



“What William James says has tremendous implications for doing the right thing, doing what we ought.”

Dallas, Session 10 final statement





Idea Work

We are doing “Idea Work”.
[#10 @ 1:05:00; #8 @ 22:05]

“The discussion of the ‘will’ really turns out to be a discussion of thoughts or ideas.” [#10 @ 46:00]

The “Idea” runs the show. [#10 @ 1:12:20]

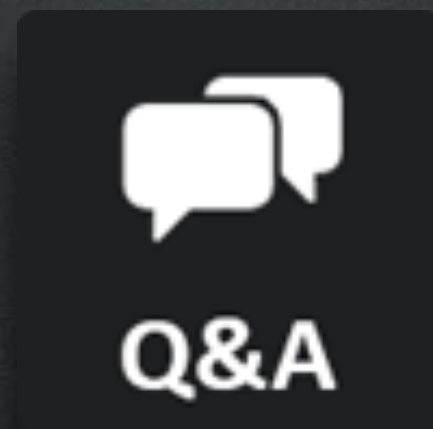
Seeking the Gospel of the Kingdom of God is a fiat (effort of attention) for spiritual transformation.



Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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



80:00 + 10K

Meditation — *1 Corinthians 4:20; Romans 14:17*

V-I-M in your next 10,000 minutes...

VISION — Where do I see the power of God around, in and through my life?

INTENTION — Do I believe and want the idea of God's power in me and through me?

MEANS — What discipline will I practice in my "job" this week to work with Jesus?



† Cross Fit

Session 10 Summary

The vision or idea of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God becomes a fiat of power for spiritual transformation that takes over our lives as we intentionally, willfully, practice Kingdom disciplines or habits.

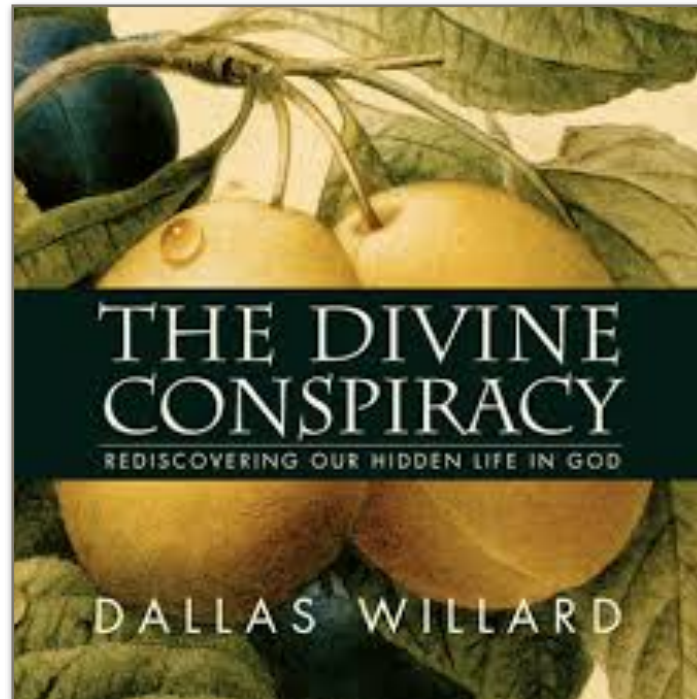


Next Week — Session 11

“THE WILL & DISCIPLINES” [47:15]

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Christlikeness compel
your Intention to find
the Means to will your
next 10,000 minutes.

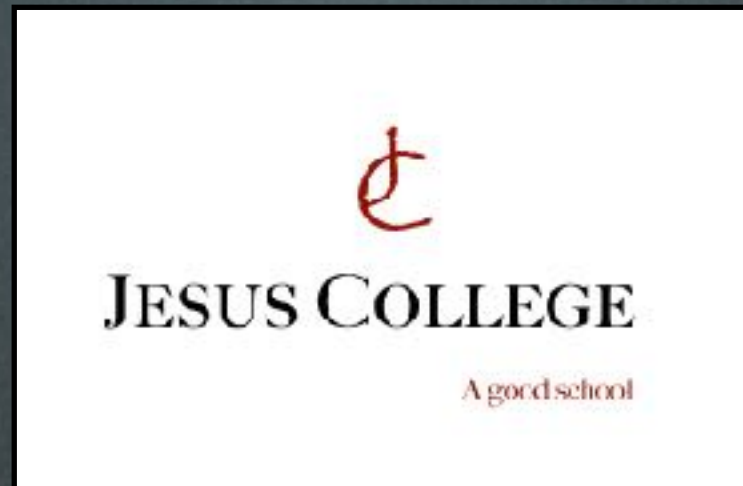
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