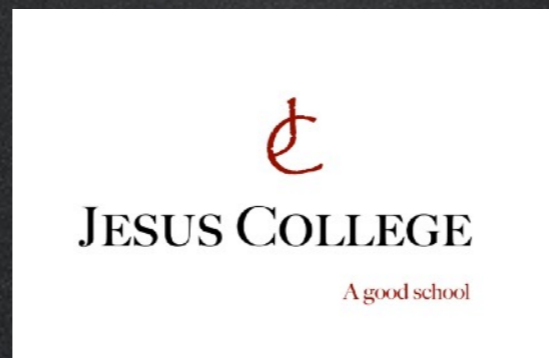


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THE SCANDAL OF THE KINGDOM
by Dallas Willard
presented by

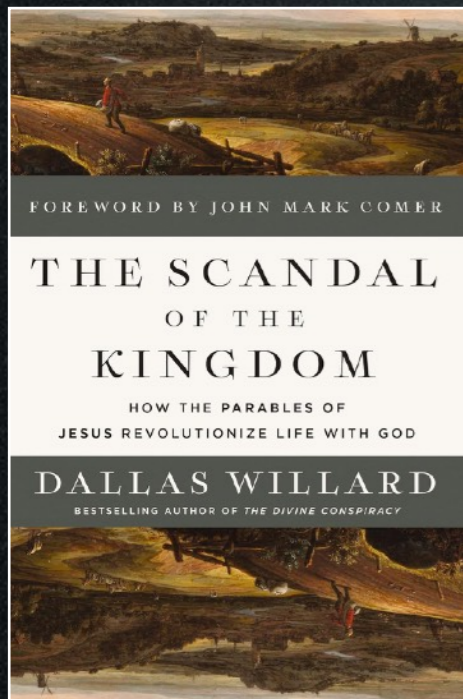


Summary of Session 12

Outrageous Compassion

Kingdom “business as usual” ravishes the generous grace of God on the least deserving, the most impoverished, the late-arriving, by opening the hidden landscape of love where getting more transforms into giving more.





THE SCANDAL OF THE KINGDOM

Session 13 - "What is Your Life?"

Chapter 13 (p. 204-218)

"The Rich Fool" Luke 12:16-21

I - In My Hands Luke 12:13-15

II - In God's Hands - Reflections: "The Rich Fool" 12:16-21

III - Great Gain with Godly Contentment 1 Tim. 6:5-19

IV - Where is My Trust? Luke 12:22-33

Session 12 - “What is Your Life?”

I - In My Hands Luke 12:13-15

“Guard against greed.”

Greed - “pleonexia”* (Greek)

“I want my inheritance!” A mix of the prodigal son & day workers.

Do I own my possessions or do my possessions own me?

The primary concern is GAIN! (204)

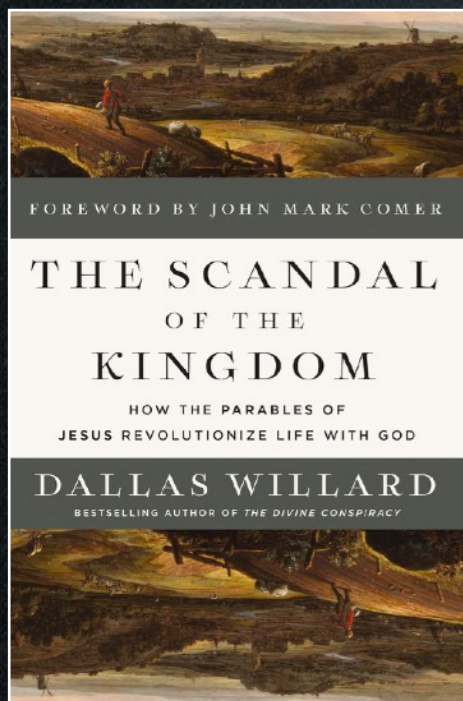
It is not *possessions* (noun - “things”),

but the effect on our *hearts**. (verb - “possess, control”)

[*a heart condition of “getting even” or “better off”]

It is not riches, but their deception when I ask,

“What is my life?”



Professor Dr. Jesus - Teacher & Heart Surgeon
“Beware of covetousness!”

“I want my inheritance!” A mix of the prodigal son & day workers.

Coveting (greed, avarice) is idolatry and I am the god.

“Crucify covetousness (which is idolatry.)”

Colossians 3:5

Remember, when you ask, “*What is my life?*”

\$ — It is not riches, but their deception. (205)

\$ — The issue is not giving, the issue is keeping! (207)

\$ — The “treasures & pleasures” choke the seed. Matt. 13:22



Guard against greed!
Crucify covetousness!

Perhaps the question of wealth and riches is,
“Do you have them or do they have you?”



Session 12 - “What is Your Life?”

II - In God's Hands (207-209)

“The Rich Fool” Luke 12:16-21

“A rich man thought within himself” (self-dialogue) v. 16

“I will say to my soul...” v. 19

Talking to your soul is a good thing.

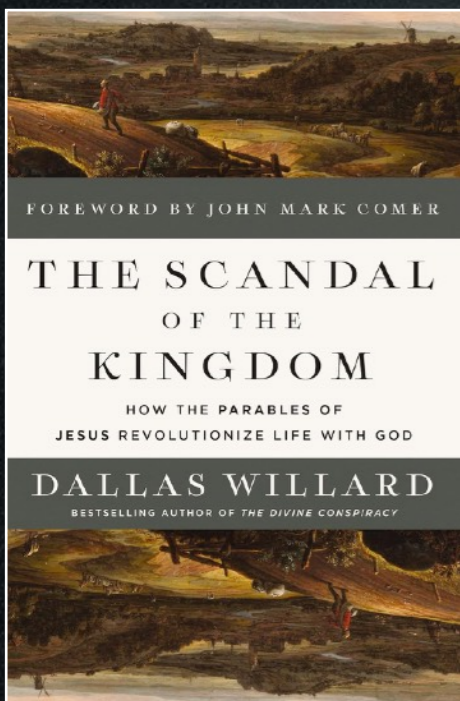
Celebrating life is a good thing.

Controlling your life is a God thing.

The problem is where we place our trust, find our rest.

Again, the key question...

“What is my life?”



“Don’t lay up treasures for yourself,
be rich toward God.” v. 21

How do we hold our poverty or riches?

Dallas advises, “One of the best ways to figure this out is to work on this question: ‘What is your life?’ Our life is what occupies our time, energy, and thoughts.* It is, as Jesus says, what we have *set our hearts on*.

‘For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also’.”

Matthew 6:21



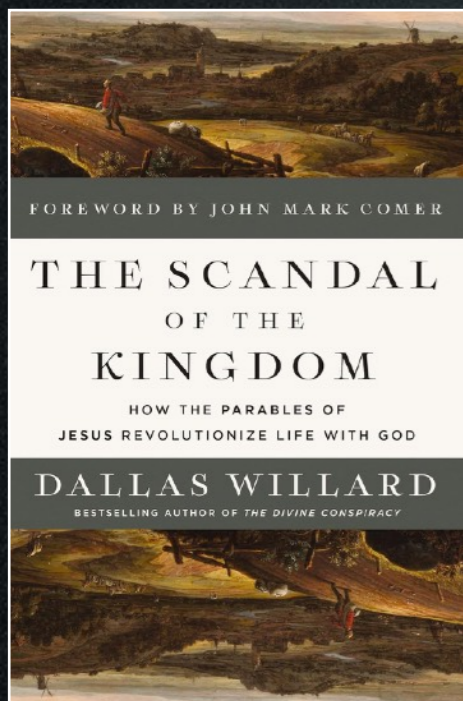
One Key Word — “Security”

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* - a faithful servant with a light ready (164)

Session 12 - “What is Your Life?”

III - Great Gain with Godly Contentment *1 Timothy 6:5-19*



In a world of disagreement, depravation of truth, destruction, and despair (v. 5-9), Dallas admonishes, *“Don’t confuse gain and godliness, and make sure you stay away from people who do...people getting ahead who “desire to be rich” (v.9). (210)*

[Here comes the “getting” again like we have seen - getting even, getting more, getting what we deserve.]

The problem? Pride and misplaced confidence. (211)

{Think of the Rich Fool, “I will build larger barns then rest!”}

“**Four Phases in an Eternal Kind of Life**”

- 1.) Job** - How you earn a living.
- 2.) Ministry** - God’s special work in your time that He has specifically allotted to you.
- 3.) Work** - The total amount of lasting good that I will produce in my lifetime.
- 4.) Life** - What you and God get out of your life is the person you become.



“For Such a Time as This”
by Dallas Willard
“Eternal Kind of Life”
Teaching #3 [21:45-37:15]

How are we “rich toward God?”

“Seek Six”

- Righteousness • Godliness • Faith •
- Love • Patience • Gentleness •

1 Timothy 6:11

Trust Jesus & Paul, it's a good fight worth fighting!

“That they may lay hold of eternal life.” 1 Timothy 6:19

Eternal life is knowledge of God and His Son. John 17:3*

What is your life?

Is it knowledge* of Jesus Christ or barns & business?

**Your life is an eternal kind of life,
lived in reliance on
the resources of the Kingdom of God.* (211)**

** - More knowledge of the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven*

Session 12 - "What is Your Life?"

IV - Where is my Trust?

Luke 12:22-33

"Security" "Control"

How would I react if everything was taken away?

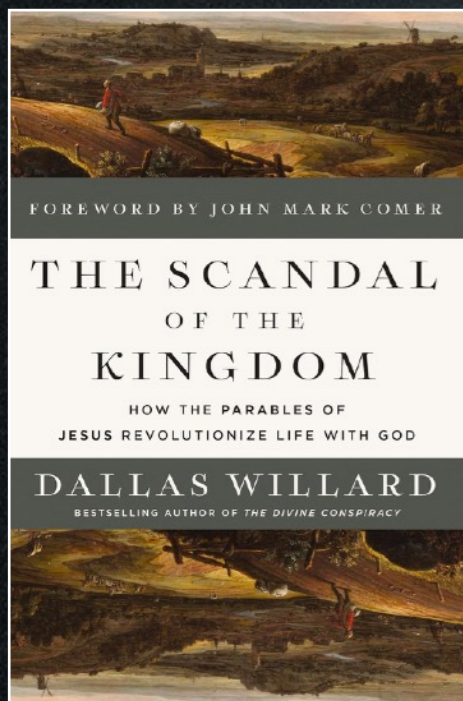
Would I experience godliness and contentment?

What if I lost my loved ones?

When you trust in the power that belongs to riches, it's all the power you have. When you trust in the power of God, you're in touch with a different order and magnitude of power. Even the church gets distracted! (213)

?) Does my contentment come from my contents?

?) Have I surrendered my possessions and people to God?



IV - Is my trust in God who cares for me?

Luke 12:22-24 (Matthew 6:25-26)

“Do not worry about your life.” v. 22

Don't worry. Don't take things into your hands that don't belong to you. (214) [Like the Rich Fool thinking “self”.]

Wise Words from Wesley & Willard (214-215)

† Gain all you can.

† Save all you can.

† Use all you can.

Willard's add: Stewards for God's glory.

† Give all you can.

Remember: The incommensurable outcomes belong to God. (119)

Being rich toward God!

A treasure in heaven that does not fail.

No threat of mugger or moth, burglar or bug!

Luke 12:33 (Matthew 6:20)

The Church as Kings & Priest under God...different roles.

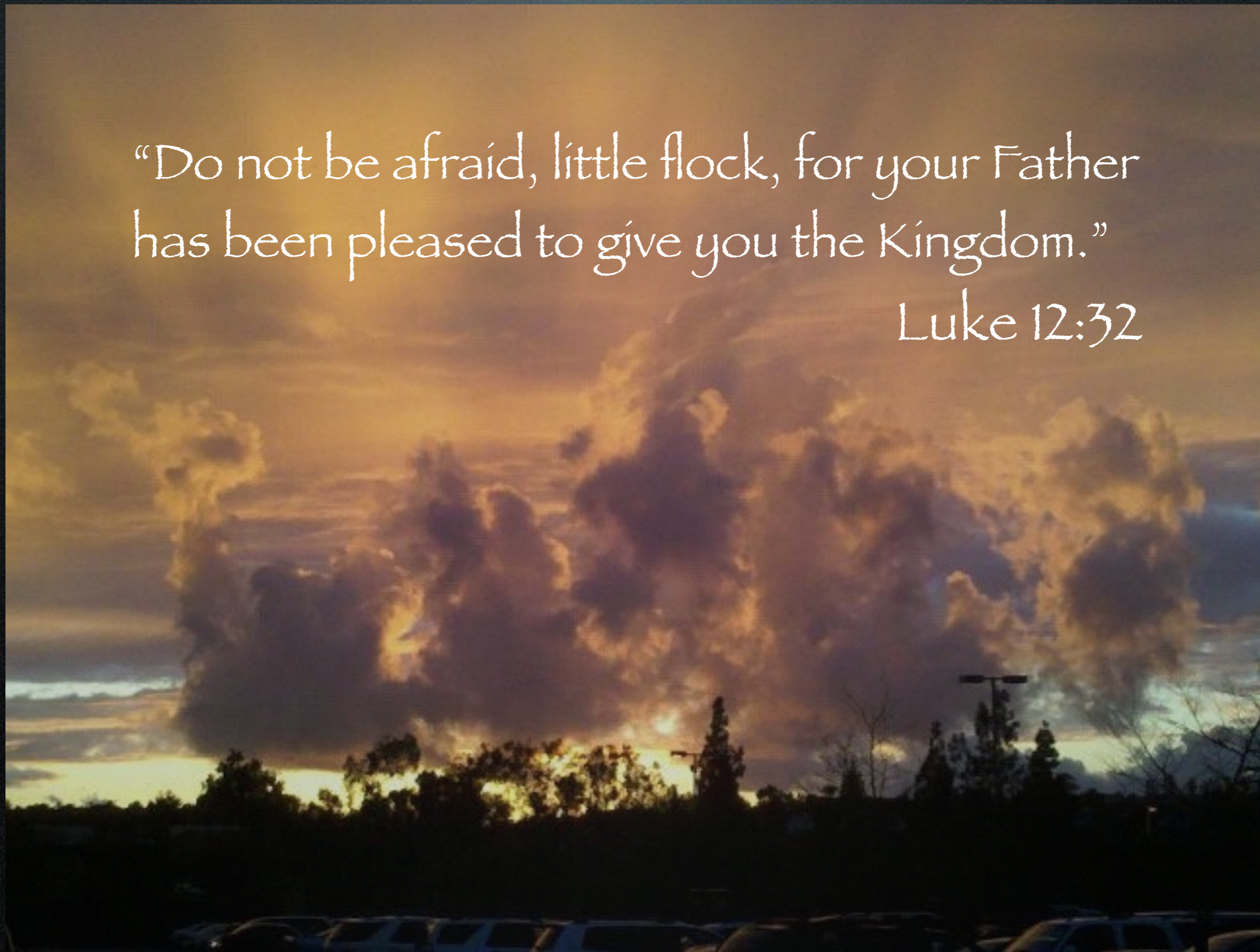
We are depriving the majority of Christians of the challenge to exercise their responsibility to minister the Kingdom of God where they are to those around them.

(216)

“Consider the lillies...neither toil or spin.” They just grow!

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father
has been pleased to give you the Kingdom.”

Luke 12:32





Being rich toward God!
“Bags that wax not old.”
Luke 12:33

?) Where can I get an eternally durable money bag?

Invest in people - the temple of God, and their character.

[Remember the “Preciousness of Persons”! That’s why Jesus, in His love, mercy, and compassion told parables to help them (us) explore His Kingdom. (29)]

?) How do I do this?

“Spread Six” 1 Timothy 6:11

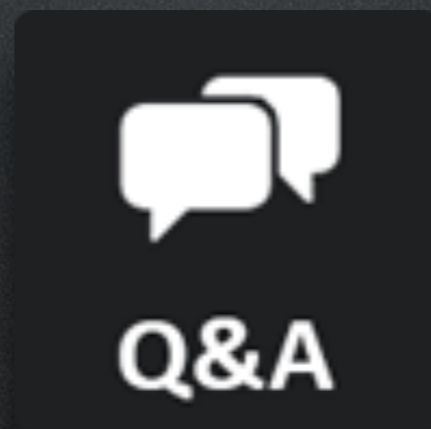
• Righteousness • Godliness • Faith • Love • Patience • Gentleness •

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Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

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





Summary of Session 13

What is your life?

It is not found in riches or possessions or gain, but can only be found in a heart that fully trusts God, is rich toward Him, and loves others. (218)





Meditation — Luke 12:16-21, 31-32; Colossians 3:5; Exodus 20:3

Application

VISION - What triggers my insatiable desire that I would love to gain?

INTENTION - Do I want to gain the external or the eternal?
What if I lost it?

MEANS - In whom will I invest His throne,
not my “own”, this week?



† Cross Fit



Session 13 - *What is Your Life?* Prayer by Dallas Willard

Lord, open our hearts and our minds and help us to understand the liberty and the responsibilities of living in this world before you with possessions and material goods. And help us to live surrendered always and all to you, and to know the joy of godliness with contentment, which is great gain.

We pray in Jesus name, amen.

#10 "The Folly of Possessions & Riches"
Closing Prayer @ 45:00

"The Parabolic Teaching About Christ's Kingdom by Christ Himself"





**An audio teaching by Dallas
to complement Session 13**

1.) "The Parabolic Teaching About Christ's Kingdom by
Christ Himself" (audio)

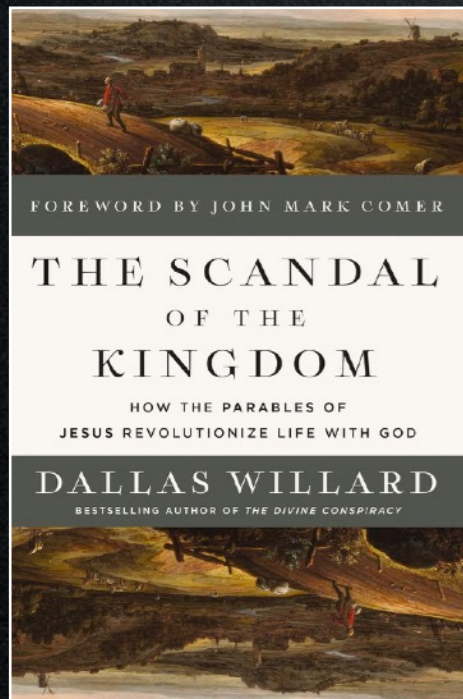
10: The Folly of Possessions and Riches - The Rich Fool
[45:30]

Next Week — Session 14

“Persistence as the
Prerequisite to Growth”
Chapter 14 (219-238)

and

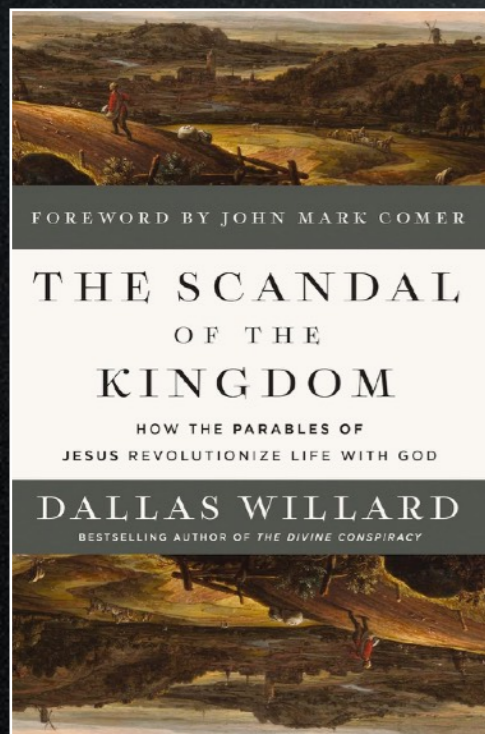
“Mustard Seed” and
“Profitable Servant” Luke 17:3-10
“Bold Neighbor” Luke 11:5-8
“Widow & Judge” and
“Pharisee & Publican” Luke 18:1-17



Bonus Session

“Scandal Afterglow”

An open conversation with Doug Webster
& friends to share scandalous discoveries.



Tuesday, June 10

Same session times

8 AM & 4 PM U.S. Pacific

In 3 weeks

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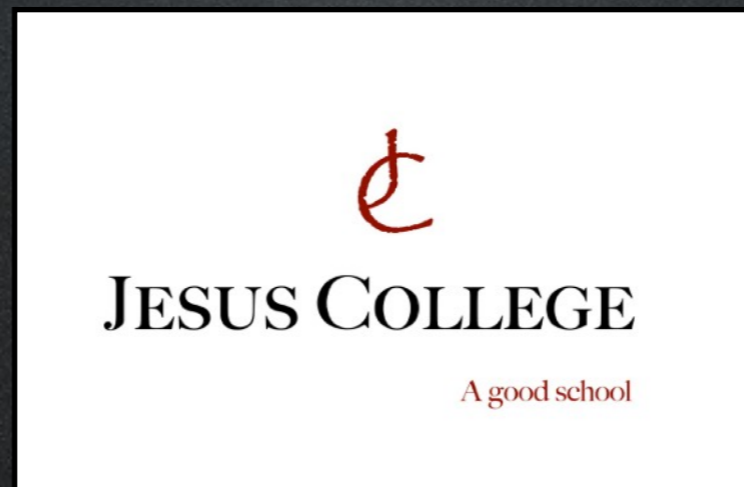


May your next 10,000 minutes be filled with great gain of contentment from investing in God and His temple - the people around you - by seeking and spreading the “Kingdom Six!”

Doug

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