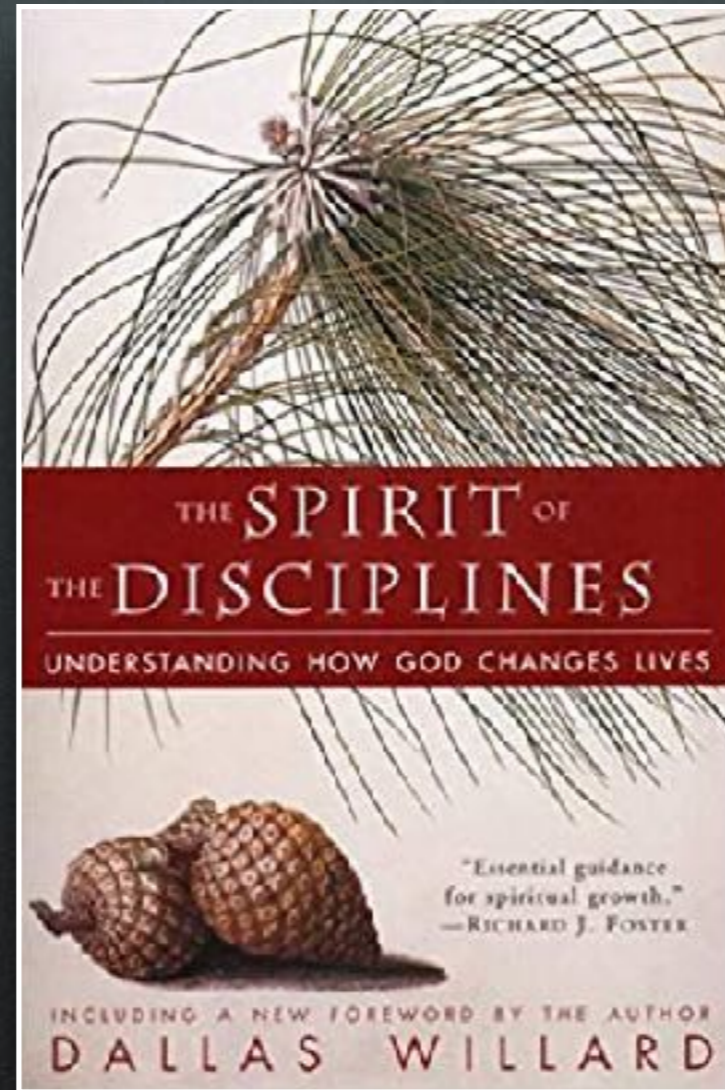


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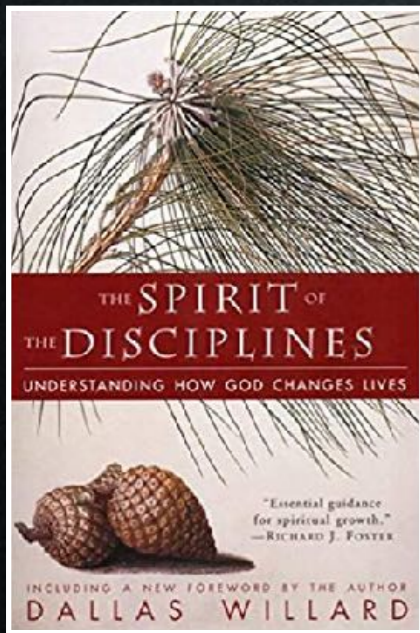


Session 6 Review

You have a body for one reason — to have at your disposal the resources that would allow you to be in fellowship and cooperation with a personal God.

(92)

The secret of the easy yoke is to choose to live your life the way Jesus lived His life.



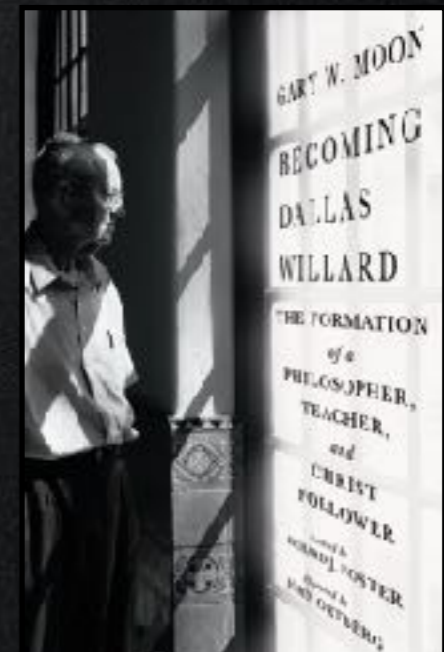


“Pay very, very careful attention to Paul. Paul was a man way ahead of his time. He understood things that no one else understood. Read him carefully.”

Dallas Willard, nearing his death, to J.P. Moreland

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Chapter 15 — “Thank You”



“We exercise unto godliness” 1 Timothy 4:7
= Life in the easy yoke of Jesus Christ



Paul, The Enigma Presented & Resolved

“Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ.”

1 Corinthians 11:1

We are blind to the information that should guide us to...

“Grow in grace and knowledge of
our Lord Jesus Christ.” 11 Peter 3:18

Talk of following Jesus, or Paul’s example, is emptied of practical meaning. (97)

Disciplines in Jesus, Paul & the Early Church: Solitude, Fasting, Prayer & Serving Others

Paul followed Jesus by living as He lived - activities that would train his whole personality to depend upon the risen Christ as Christ trained Himself to depend upon the Father.

(106)



“All that you heard me say or do, put into practice.”

Philippians 4:9

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The Obstacle for Our Real Life Change

We talk ourselves out of the practices of Jesus and Paul as attitude or theological points, the very way we can enter the Kingdom as citizens of another world.

(107-108)



Making Paul & Jesus Real to Modern Thinking

- Dr. Paul, Psychologist *Rom. 6-8; Col. 2-3; Gal. 2, 3, 5*

The “School of Self-Denial” — To “die daily” (*1. Cor. 15:30*)
is a real event in concrete existence.

Today’s Failure: Inability to prove effective, practical guidance as to how to live like Jesus.

The loss of Biblical realism for our lives. (110)

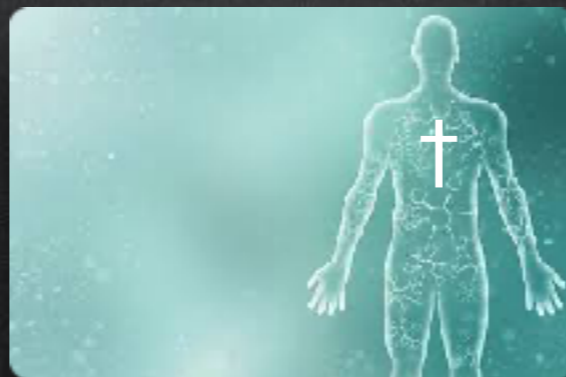
Redemption - Progressive, real human and divine actions transforming the body and the mind. (111)

New Life in Christ - the whole embodied person in the social context. (111)

Spirituality & Habit

Our body and its members are to be transformed into servants of God through the replacement of habits of sin by habits of righteousness.

(114)



Holy Habits - *How do we...*

“Yield our members to righteousness unto holiness”

Romans 6:13 & 19

Stage 1: Baptized into Christ

New life in Christ freed beyond sin's reach (114-115)

Stage 2: Reckon* a New Attitude

The freedom to think of life as a new person (115-116)

Stage 3: Submitting* Our Members to Righteousness

Direct my body to grace-full habits of righteousness (116-117)

** not done for us
20, 68, 93, 115, 117*

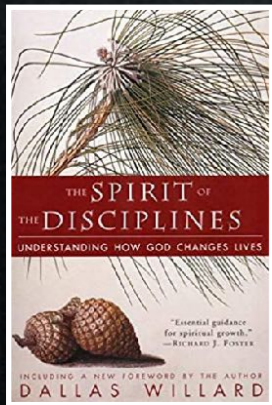
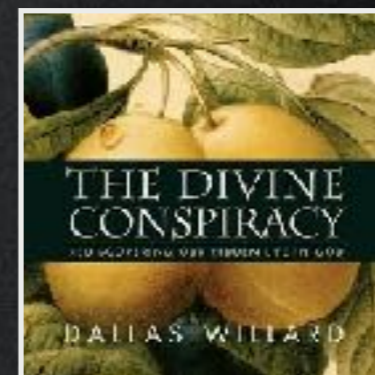


Our desires and delights are changed because our actions and attitude are based upon the reality of God's kingdom.

(119)

You are really walking in the good news of the Kingdom if you can go with confidence to any of the hopeless people around you and effortlessly convey assurance that they can now enter a blessed life with God.

The Divine Conspiracy (122)



Preparing the Body for Power to Live as Jesus Lived

Bigger Things: Radical, Life Transforming Activities
Solitude, Silence, Fasting, Study, Sacrifice (120)

Today there's almost an universal failure to give good counsel on the specific steps to be taken to enter this life Paul so well knew.

To reliably bring about deliverance from sin...is simply contrary to observable fact.

Bad theology, unscriptural, misconceived psychology — off centered thinking = poor results of our teaching on human transformation.

(125)



Paul the Philosopher

As a result of Paul's experience with Christ's Kingdom, Paul recaptured the ancient, prophetic vision of the world being governed by the people of God – governing through the light and power resident in them as God's earthly dwelling place.

(127)



The Closing Challenge & Potential

A only the Kingdom of God and its [“rigorous” spiritual] disciplines, taken in the following of Christ...can produce a sufficient number of good persons of virtue and character to maintain a stable, prosperous society.

(128)



† Cross Fit

Q&C

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Q&A

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Meditation — *Romans 6:1-14*

Application

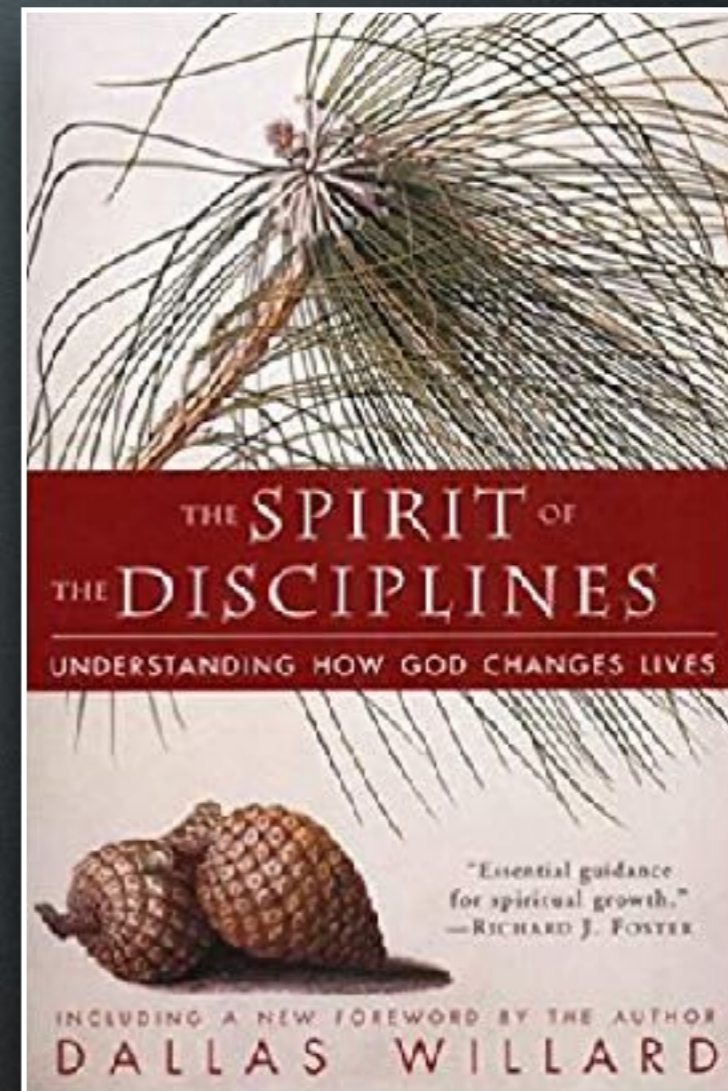
- 1.) Honestly, do I believe and live the actions & events of Jesus and Paul to know God's power?
- 2.) What does Stage 3 "Submitting my members" mean to me today, daily, now?
- 3.) What spiritual discipline "radical, life transforming activities" (120) - Solitude, Silence, Fasting, Study, Prayer, Serving, Sacrifice (102-104, 120)- will I do this week to imitate Paul?

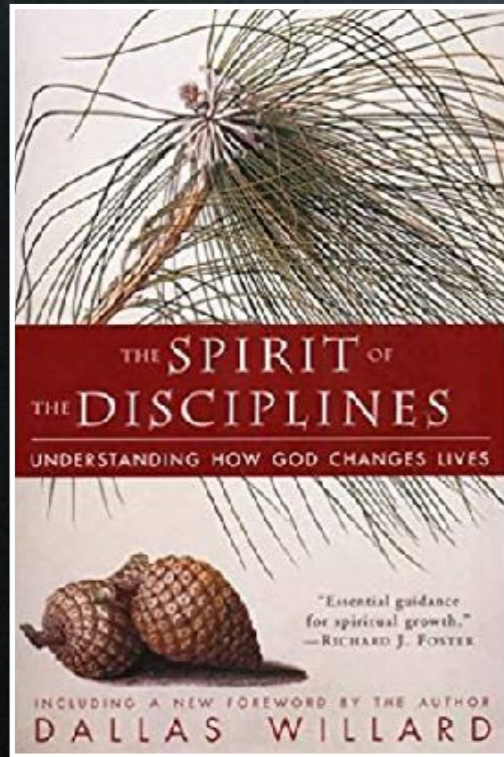


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Session 7 Summary

Paul lived like Jesus because he intentionally and wholeheartedly participated by grace and his action in the habits embodied by Jesus.





Next — Session 8

“The History and the Meaning
of the Disciplines”
Chapter 8

Seriously, in your next
10,000 minutes imitate
Paul as he imitated Jesus
like He obeyed His Father.

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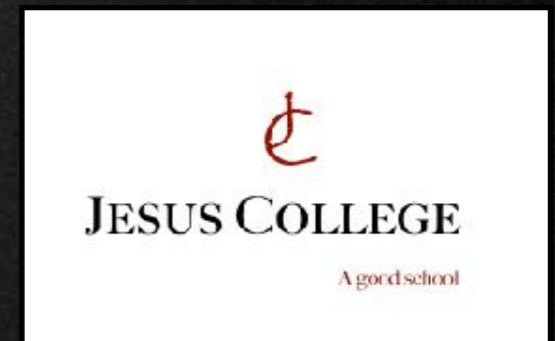
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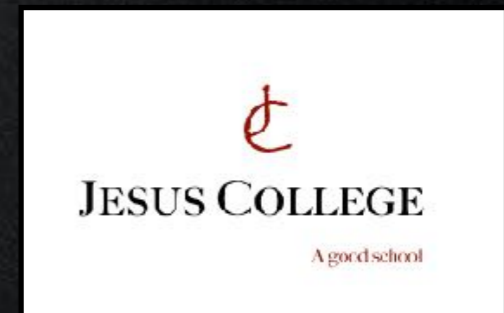
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