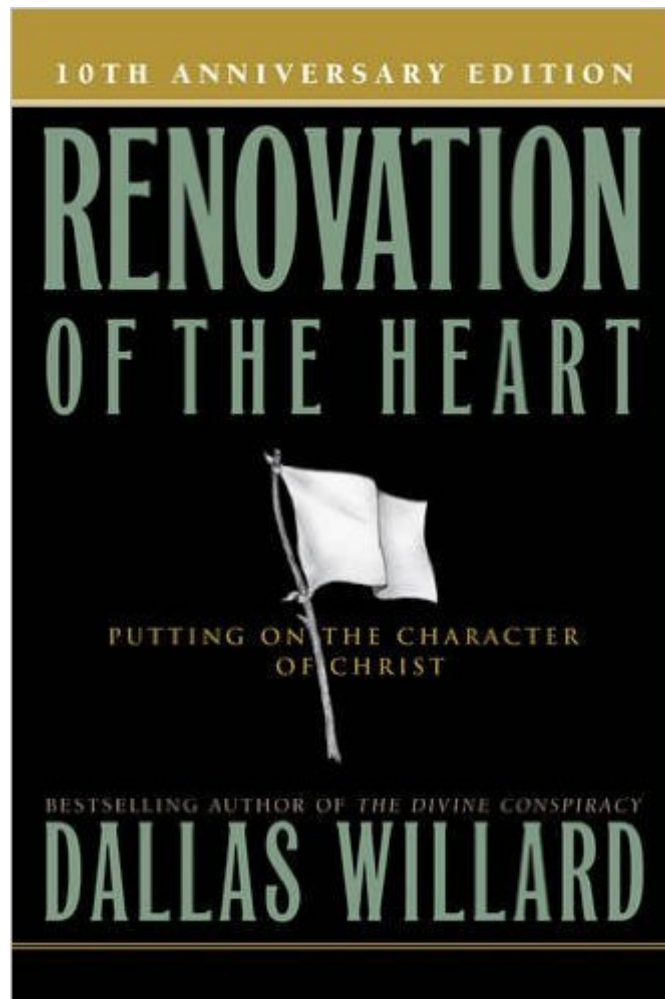


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# Renovation Of The Heart: Putting On The Character Of Christ



## Synopsis

As Christians, we know that we are new creations in Jesus. So we try to act differently, hoping this will make us more like Him. But changing our outward behavior doesn't change our hearts. Only by God's grace can we be transformed internally. *Renovation of the Heart* lays a biblical foundation for understanding what best-selling author Dallas Willard calls the "metamorphosis of the spirit" – a divine process that brings every element in our being, working from inside out, into harmony with the will of God. This fresh approach to spiritual growth explains the biblical reasons why Christians need to undergo change in six aspects of life: thought, feeling, will, body, social context, and soul. Willard also outlines a general pattern of transformation in each area, not as a sterile formula but as a practical process that you can follow without the guilt or perfectionism so many Christians wrestle with. Don't settle for complacency. Accept the challenge *Renovation of the Heart* offers to become an intentional apprentice of Jesus Christ, changing daily as you walk with Him.

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See below for what Richard Foster (renowned author of *Celebration of Discipline*) has to say about this stellar book. I (Richard Foster) want to stress the importance for you of Dallas Willard's new book, *Renovation of the Heart*. I want to be sure you know what a treasure this book is. To a small group of us Dallas once said '(and here I am quoting him from memory)', "Without a proper theology of God and a proper ontology and anthropology of the human self, religion will always degenerate into superstition or legalism, and often both." Well, *Renovation of the Heart* gives us the

very best "ontology and anthropology of the human self" found anywhere. This teaching is so very important. Today people throw around words like "soul," "spirit," "heart," "will," etc. without the slightest idea what they mean. Well, this book explains exactly what such terms mean. It gives us a clear, biblical understanding of the depths of the human self. Even more, it gives us a clear, biblical understanding of how our inward selves can be deeply transformed so as to take on the character of Jesus Christ. You see, we all have been spiritually formed, but usually our formation has been in very bad ways. Indeed, we are "de-formed," if you will. And we need to be "re-formed," that is to say, we need reformation. Even more, we need "trans-formation." But to effectively and consciously enter into this spiritual forming, re-forming, trans-forming process we need a clear understanding of the human self. An ontology and anthropology of the self. Exactly what is the heart, the spirit, the will, the mind, the body, the soul? How are they to be spiritually re-formed and what is their role in our overall spiritual formation? Now, this understanding is given to us in Scripture, but it is not given systematically.

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