

Spiritual Formation



Part 2 How Does Spiritual Formation Work? April 28, 2024

Recap:

- How does Spiritual formation work and what does it look like in my life?

How? Through abiding in Christ

What does it look like? A vine, branches, and a vinedresser

John 15:1-8

Point 1: As the branch cannot produce fruit by itself, neither can we produce fruit apart from Christ.

- v.4 - Greek "Meno" - Abide, dwell, continue or tarry
- The Fruit of Character - Galatians 5:22-26
- The Fruit of works/godly living - Titus 3:14; Col 1:10; Mt 3:8

Point 2: As the trellis supports the vine for growth, so our spiritual disciplines (rhythms) create space for growth.

- v.2a- Greek "Airo" - To lift off the ground, to lift as to carry

The point of a trellis isn't to make the vines stand up in straight neat rows, but rather to create space for the vine to grow and bear fruit.

- [Practicingtheway.org](https://www.practicingtheway.org)

Point 3: Pruning hurts, but it's for our good (fruitfulness) and for God's glory.

- v.2 - every fruit bearing branch will get pruned
- v.8 - Fruit proves we are his disciples and that glorifies God

The vinedresser is never closer than when he is pruning.

Who are you becoming?
