

## EVERYDAY DISCIPLES: HOW TO GROW AS A DISCIPLE

*"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.*

*<sup>4</sup> Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup> "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.*

*<sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. <sup>9</sup> "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. ~ **John 15:1-9 (NKJV)***

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**"The human heart is like an idol factory constantly manufacturing new idols."**  
~ John Calvin

### **Growing as a Disciple**

**GROWING AS A DISCIPLE IS A COMBINATION OF RESTING IN JESUS AND A DISCIPLINED, ACTIVE PURSUIT OF HIM.**

We tend to think about our relationship with Jesus Christ in three ways, two of which are wrong. One of them is correct:

1. Me For Christ (Wrong)
2. Me And Christ Together (Wrong)
3. Christ In Me (Right)

*"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." ~ **Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)***

*"So he answered and said to me: 'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts."*  
~ **Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV)**

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### **Three Spiritual Truths We Must Understand:**

1. Jesus Christ gave His life for you (*SALVATION*)
  2. So that He could give His life to you (*SANCTIFICATION*)
  3. So that He could live His life through you (*SERVICE*)
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### **Five Identities of a Disciple:**

1. Worshiper
  2. Family Member
  3. Servant
  4. Steward
  5. Witness
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**“Real change takes place only through a long obedience in the same direction.” ~ Eugene Peterson**

### **Next Steps**

Become a follower of Jesus  
Sign up to be baptized  
Sign for a Connect Group  
Volunteer for Night to Shine