



'Deepening: Spiritual Habits'  
John 15:1-11

Colossians — follow no other systems  
House Divided — not even this system

If not \_\_\_\_\_, then what?

The Church of Jesus — walking as disciples for all our lives.

Cultivate wants to:

- Major on the majors
- Publicly commit to all Jesus calls us to

Vine — Jesus; Gardener — Father; Branches — Us

Good branch = connected to Jesus (v. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10)

Bad branch = disconnected from Jesus (v. 6)

How to stay connected to Jesus?

- Abide is the word, doing is how we abide
- Doing > Knowing

Content consumption is not character formation.

Doing > Knowing

Churchy Busy < Relationship with Jesus

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# Notes (continued)

Hard Skill = how to job  
Necessary to have

Soft Skill = how to live  
Nice to have

Soft hearts are not soft skills in our faith.

What we do should connect us with who He is.

**Praying:**

Pull you  
to heaven

**Fasting:**

His strength;  
your strength

**Giving:**

His gifts;  
your good

**Worshipping:**

His heart;  
your heart

## MY APPLICATION

The following questions this week reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family and friends.

1. How much does the busyness of life drain your affection or enthusiasm for spiritual habits that connect you to Jesus?
2. Are spiritual habits that connect you to Jesus easy for you to engage in or challenging? Are there some things that are easier than others? Examples would be prayer, worship, giving, meditation, fasting, and others.
3. Sometimes it is more challenging for extroverts to engage in the more solitary practices of faith. Do you prefer spiritual disciplines or group actions?

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### Memory Verse

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so have I 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. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 15:9-11 (ESV)