

The Spiritual Habits Of Growing Christians
#SermonHabits2
Habits For Spiritual Growth Part 2
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1 Corinthians 7:23 All of you, slave and free, were once held hostage in a sinful society. Then a huge sum was paid for your ransom. So please don't, out of old habit, slip back into being or doing what everyone else tells you. (MSG)

Three things you need to know to develop a healthy habit:

1. The REASON
2. The ROUTINE
3. The RESULT

Three Life-Changing Habits

1. GET TIME ALONE WITH GOD EVERY DAY

Psalm 25:4-5 Show me the path where I should go, O Lord; point out the right road for me to walk. ⁵ Lead me; teach me; for you are the God who gives me salvation. I have no hope except in you. (LB)

Luke 5:16 Jesus often slipped away to be alone so he could pray. (NCV)

John 15:7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it. (TEV)

2. GIVE BACK TO GOD EVERY WEEK

Ephesians 2:10 It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others. (LB)

1 Corinthians 12:5 There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served.
⁶ There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service. (TEV)

John 15:8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. (NIV)

Deuteronomy 14:23d ...The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives. (LB)

1 Corinthians 16:2 Every Sunday each of you make an offering and put it in

safekeeping. **Be as generous as you can...** (MSG)

Malachi 3:10 **Bring your full tithe** to the Temple treasury so there will be ample provisions in my Temple. **Test me** in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you and **pour out blessings** beyond your wildest dreams. (MSG)

3. GET TOGETHER WITH OTHER BELIEVERS REGULARLY

Hebrews 10:25 Some people have **gotten out of the habit of meeting for worship**, but we must not do that. We should **keep on encouraging each other**, especially since you know that the day of **the Lord's coming is getting closer**. (CEV)

Acts 2:42 They **joined with the other believers in regular attendance** at the apostles' teaching sessions and at the Communion services and prayer meetings...⁴⁶ They **worshiped together regularly at the Temple** each day, **met in small groups in homes...** (LB)

Ephesians 4:13 ...we are all **joined together** in the same faith and in the same knowledge of the Son of God. We must become like a **mature person, growing until we become like Christ...** (NCV)

Romans 8:1 So now there is **no condemnation** for those who **belong to Christ Jesus**. (NLT)