

Our Spiritual Formation — Lent #3  
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Romans 12:2 <sup>(CSB)</sup> Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

Three Losing Strategies for Spiritual Growth

1. Will POWER
  
2. Greater KNOWLEDGE
  
3. Waiting for God to ZAP You With Spiritual Super Powers

1. Sin Is Too Great of a Problem for HUMANITY

#1 Sin Done BY ME

#2 Sin Done TO ME

#3 Sin All AROUND ME

2. Everyone Is Already Being Spiritually FORMED

The question to ask ourselves: Who am I becoming?

## Three Primary Factors in Everyone's Spiritual Formation

#1 The STORIES We Believe

#2 Our HABITS

#3 Our RELATIONSHIPS

John 14:23-26 <sup>(CSB)</sup> Jesus answered, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup> The one who doesn't love me will not keep my words. The word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> I have spoken these things to you while I remain with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.

John 15:5 <sup>(NLT)</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

### Application

- Find Your Morning Quiet Place to "Remain in Christ"
- Read 2 Chapters/Day in Gospels (Matthew—John)
- Download the Bible APP & Listen to God's Word