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The Fruit Of The Spirit... (v.22-24)

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Are you troubled by the sin in your life?

- Let us learn to _____ by the Spirit. (v.25-26)
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4. _____ **in the way you know is right and honoring to God!**

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13 ¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

5. _____ **God for the good work that He does in you and through you, always remembering that the only thing that's good in you is Jesus!**

→ **And when you fall (not if, but when), _____ !**

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