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3. Christian, be confident in the Spirit's power to produce genuine love in you (verses 22–26).

“The one who walks in the Spirit] will keep discovering that nothing in his life is as good as it should be; that he has never fought as hard as he might have done against the clogging restraints and contrary pulls of his own inbred perversity; that there is an element of motivational sin, at least, in his best works; that his daily living is streaked with defilements, so that he has to depend every moment on God’s pardoning mercy in Christ, or he would be lost; and that he needs to keep asking, in the light of his own felt weakness and inconstancy of heart, that the Spirit will energize him to the end to maintain the inward struggle.”

— *J. I. Packer, Keep in Step with the Spirit (page 37)*