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6. **Read Phil 2:12-13.** How does this passage teach about God's role and our role in Christian growth?
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- How do Christians sometimes appeal to God's sovereignty as a means of avoiding responsibility?
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