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Introduction:

Text: Romans 12

A robust or healthy church is showed by their...

- A. Ardent worship in response to God's love and mercy (Romans 12:1-2)
 - 1. By the way they $\underline{live}(v.1)$
 - 2. By the way they **think** that leads to Christlikeness (v.2)
 - 3. By the way they **<u>pursue</u>** and **<u>fulfill</u>** God's will (v.2)
- B. <u>Benevolent</u> service by using their diverse giftings to build up the body of Christ and to promote unity (Romans 12:3-8)
 - **Question:** How can a Christian help build up and promote unity with in the church he/she is a part of?
 - 1. Be **loyal** and **commited** to the local church that God has placed you in (Heb. 10:23-25)
 - 2. <u>Discover</u> and <u>use</u> your God given gifts and talents to serve and encourage others (v.3-8)
 - 3. Learn to complement and not compete against other people's giftings (v.3-8)
- C. <u>Christlike</u> attitude in life and in their relationships with others (Romans 12:9-21)
 - 1. By the way they love (v.9-11)
 - 2. By the way they face the **<u>challenges</u>** in life (v.12)
 - 3. By the way they show <u>hospitality</u> (v.13)
 - 4. By the way they **forgive** and show **mercy** (v. 16-21)
- D. <u>Devotion</u> in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ (Col. 4:2-6)

TABLETALK STARTERS (For family devotions and Life Group discussions)

Read 1 Corinthians 12 and answer the following questions

1. The Apostle Paul used the parts of the human body as a metaphor to teach the Christians in Corinth on how they should relate to each other. What insights or lessons did you learn from this?

2. What do you think are the main causes of division in the church today? And what can we do to effectively avoid these?

3. What are some of the blessings and benefits of discovering your God-given talents and giftings and effectively using them to serve others?

Read Romans 12:9-21 and answer the following questions

1. In life's challenges and in your relationships with others (ex. Family, Church, and Community), what Christlike attitude do you desire to improve or develop?

2. To help the church become robust or healthy, in your life group suggest some practical ways on how you can help each other grow in your Christlikeness, worship, service, evangelism, and discipleship.

Reflection: