

## What Makes a Good Family

Complement - I Corinthians 12:12-27

Discussion Points

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### Read & Reflect

1. Read I Corinthians 12:12-27
2. Why does Paul describe the body of Christ in this way? What's going on in the church at Corinth?

### Explore

3. Instead of thinking individualistically, Paul urges the Corinthians to think communally. How do you teach and model this kind of vision in your family?
  - we make spending decisions based on what is best for the whole unit,
  - we set our personal schedules based on what most benefits the whole body,
  - we celebrate the sacrifices someone makes for the sake of the family,
  - we point at bad choices not only in terms of what it feels like to me as a parent, child, or spouse, but in terms of what it does to the whole family unit,
  - when changes I don't like are made in the family at home or church or work, I look past personal preferences and ask: "How might these changes benefit the larger circle?"
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4. What gifts, talents, traits, do you carry with you into the family unit or small group or into the church family? Or have others identify the gifts you contribute in that same unit.
5. How do you, or how can you celebrate the gifts and strengths of the people in your family unit? That is, how can you recognize, or value, or encourage someone in order for the body to excel and flourish?

### Pray:

- Confess to God the ways in which you deny the health of "the body" (in family or church life)
- Give thanks for a gift or strength of someone within your family at home or at church
- Praise God for the blessings you receive as being part of the body of Christ

A graphic with a dark background and a warm, golden light. The text 'WHAT MAKES A' is in white, uppercase, sans-serif font. 'good' is written in a large, yellow, cursive script. 'FAMILY?' is in white, uppercase, sans-serif font. The background shows a close-up of hands clasped together in prayer.