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- Preserving <u>Unity</u> of the <u>Spirit</u> (vv. 1-6)
 - o Paul isn't giving us options to <u>consider</u>, but commands to <u>obey</u>. (v. 1)
 - Five virtues of Christian character: <u>humility</u>, <u>gentleness</u>, <u>patience</u>, <u>tolerance</u>, and <u>love</u>.
 (v. 2)
 - o Paul wants unity, not only within, but also among Christian churches.
 - o Unity in the <u>church</u> derives directly from the unity of the <u>gospel</u>. (vv. 3-6)
- Embracing <u>Diversity</u> in the <u>Church</u> (vv. 7-12)
 - o Christ gives special talents and passions to each believer in the church. (v. 7)
 - o Gifts are given to church members for service. (v. 12)
 - o Pastors and teachers do not <u>monopolize</u> ministry but <u>multiply</u> ministry.
 - We are not saved to <u>sit</u>, <u>soak</u>, and <u>sour</u>. We are saved to <u>serve</u>.
- Achieving Maturity of the Saints (vv. 13-16)
 - Spiritual maturity is a <u>process</u> that takes <u>time</u> and <u>effort</u> and <u>experience</u>. ("until we all attain...") (v. 13)
 - Just because you've grown older in the <u>church</u> that doesn't mean you've grown up in <u>Christ</u>.
 - o Personal maturity leads to spiritual unity.