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#### **Romans 12:1-5**

God's kindness is demonstrated by the fact that He doesn't leave us in the condition we were in before salvation. Throughout our life, the Lord uses certain tools to shape us into the image of His Son.

**God's Word.** We grow in Christ when we spend time reading the Bible, because Scripture is like food that nourishes our soul (Matt. 4:4). Yet sadly, some Christians rely only on the Sunday dinner of the Word served up by a pastor.

**Prayer.** We learn to depend on the Lord by coming to Him with our needs and concerns as well as our praise and gratitude. As we regularly draw near, our intimacy and love for Him grows. Instead of seeing prayer as a duty, we'll realize our time with the Lord has become a delight.

**The Church.** The body of believers is another important factor in our transformation because that's where we learn to love one another. It's also where we find encouragement, receive biblical instruction, and experience accountability.

Our culture has no shortage of worldly voices and pressures that fill minds and influence
behavior. But when we intentionally schedule time for God, His Word, and His people, He does
His transforming work in our life.

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