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5. HOW TO INCREASE THE VALUE OF YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

A. WHY EXPRESS APPRECIATION?

1. Whatever you appreciate, it increases in

Ephesians 4:29

29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for **building** others up according to their **needs**, that it may benefit those who listen.

Proverbs 31:30-31

30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
31 Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

2. Whenever you appreciate - you also increase value!

1 Peter 3:7-8

7 Likewise you husbands, live considerately with your wives, bestowing honor on the woman as the **weaker** sex, since you are **joint** heirs of the grace of life, in order that your prayers may not be **hindered**. RSV

Ephesians 6:2-3

2 "Honour your father and mother"-- which is the first commandment with a promise--
3 "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

Hebrews 13:7-17

7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
17 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no **advantage** to you.

Cf Psa 133 – the commanded blessing.

Philippians 4:17-19

17 Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be **credited** to your account.
18 I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.
19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Luke 17:19

And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you whole.

2 Timothy 3:2-4

2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.

B. WHAT SHOULD WE APPRECIATE

1. Appreciate people's

Philippians 1:3-5

3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,

2. Appreciate people's

Col. 3:13,15

Be patient and tolerant with one another, always ready to forgive if you have a difference with anyone ... for you were called to live as one united body, and always be thankful. Philips

Psa 139 14

I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully [worshipfully, amazingly] and wonderfully [separately, uniquely, distinctly] made.

3. Appreciate people's and in your life

1 Thess 1:2-3

We always thank God for you all and always mention you in our prayers. 3 For we remember before our God and Father how you put your faith into practice, how your love made you work so hard, and how your hope in our Lord Jesus Christ is firm. TEV

Deut 26:11

Be grateful for the good things that the LORD your God has given you and your **family**. TEV

C. HOW PAUL APPRECIATES HIS

Colossians 3:1-18

1. He clearly his need for his co-workers

Col 3:10

My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.) 11 Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me.

2. He openly and his co-workers to what they can be.

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1 Timothy 5:8

8 If anyone does not **provide** for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Ephesians 5:31

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." NKJV

Ephesians 5:25

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

2 Timothy 2:6

6 The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.

1 Timothy 5:17-18

17 The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. 18 For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages."

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Ephesians 5:25-26

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the **word**.

25 Anxious hearts are very heavy, but a word of encouragement does wonders! TLB

Prov 15:23 What a joy it is to find just the right word for the right occasion! TEV

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The bottom line is, What do you need to appreciate from God? When was the last time you spent 15-minutes just in gratitude to God? He's done so much for you! The Bible says that 2000 years ago, He came to earth in the form of a human being. His name was Jesus Christ. And all of history is divided into B.C. and A.D. by Jesus coming to earth. He came to give us a purpose in life, power for life, the hope of heaven, to give us forgiveness of sin, to give us real meaning. You're not here on earth by accident, God put you here for a purpose. We talk about all that God has done for you every week here. How do I express gratitude to God? By giving myself to him