

4. I CAN GIVE THEM A _____.

"At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God."

Philippians 4:18 (NLT)

I will develop an appreciation plan for

_____.

(Fill in the name of someone to appreciate)

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- I will memorize **1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)**
- I will accept Christ for the first time or recommit my life to Christ
- I will join the New Life church family
- I will develop an appreciation plan for _____

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Giving Code

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Gratitude:

Unleashing the Power

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MEMORY VERSE: *"Encourage one another and build each other up."*

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

- **TO BUILD OTHERS UP WE MUST EXPRESS _____.**
- **TO APPRECIATE MEANS TO RAISE IN _____.**

I. WHY EXPRESS APPRECIATION?

1. IT _____ GOD.
"Giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honors me."
Psalm 50:23 (NLT)
2. IT _____ FELLOWSHIP.
"Encourage one another and build each other up."
1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

II. WHAT SHOULD BE APPRECIATED?

1. WE CAN APPRECIATE THEIR _____.

“You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf.”

Colossians 1:7 (NIV)

2. WE CAN APPRECIATE THEIR _____.

“Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service to God, but it is the same Lord we are serving.”

1 Corinthians 12:4–5 (LB, Paraphrased)

3. WE CAN APPRECIATE THEIR _____.

“In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success.”

Proverbs 3:6 (LB, Paraphrased)

III. HOW TO APPRECIATE THE PEOPLE AROUND ME

1. I CAN REFRAME FROM _____ LANGUAGE TOWARD THEM.

“Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.”

Ephesians 4:29 (NLT)

2. I CAN _____ THEM IN THE PRESENCE OF OTHERS.

“But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.”

Philippians 2:25–30 (NIV)

3. I CAN SEND AN ENCOURAGING _____ (LETTER, TEXT, EMAIL)

“I have written and sent this short letter to you with the help of Silas, whom I commend to you as a faithful brother. My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God’s grace for you. Stand firm in this grace.”

1 Peter 5:12 (NLT)