

# “Valuing Relationships Especially At Christmas”

December 15, 2002—Matthew 1:18-25; I Thess. 3:9-13  
Highline Christian Church

Scrooge’s attitude reveals a profound lack of appreciation for how \_\_\_\_\_ each \_\_\_\_\_ is to God.

Scrooge doesn’t understand that the poor can be \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ can be poor in the things that matter to God.

He didn’t know that \_\_\_\_\_ are more important than \_\_\_\_\_!

## 1. Make A List Of The Most Important People In Your Life!

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of God because of you?  
1 Thes. 3:9

Thank \_\_\_\_\_ for bringing them into your life.

Tell \_\_\_\_\_ how much they mean to you.

## 2. Make A List Of \_\_\_\_\_ Gifts You Can Give Each One.

“Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.”  
1 Thes. 3:10

Ask yourself: "What does this person need most? What can I \_\_\_\_\_ to them? What can I \_\_\_\_\_ for them. How can I give them a \_\_\_\_\_?"

## 3. Share The List With \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones. 1 Thes. 3:12-13

Paul is saying, "What I want for you, dear friends, is that you grow in \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_."

There are few things in life as pleasant as hearing someone say they wish \_\_\_\_\_ for you.

The greatest gift you can give anyone is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Snoopy’s right most of us are "\_\_\_\_\_able and \_\_\_\_\_able."

### Applying the Message:

The people who mean the most to me are

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One intangible gift I pray for each one is

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