

**BE THANKFUL FOR THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE**

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Obviously, we should be thankful to the Father and to His Son.

Eph. 5:19 psalms, hymns, spiritual songs -- singing and  
making melody in your heart to the Lord  
20 giving thanks unto God the Father, in the name  
of our Lord Jesus Christ

But today's sermon is about being thankful for the people in your life.

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1. FAMILY

\* Family can be a blessing

Prov. 12:4 marriage -- can be a blessing -- (or not)  
Prov. 15:20 children -- can be a blessing -- (or not)  
Prov. 17:6 grandchildren -- can be a blessing

\* There are times of estrangement

Matt. 10:34-36 sometimes, there is a sword within a family  
1 Pet. 4:16 estrangement -- to glorify God  
15 estrangement -- murder, thief, evildoer or a  
busybody -- (violation of God's laws)  
James 4:11-12 not speaking evil of each other

\*Serve the needs of people -- without being  
manipulated by them

Matt. 25:35-46 serve their needs -- not all their wants and  
certainly not their lusts  
Matt. 7:11 fathers want to be good providers  
Eph. 6:4 fathers want to be good nurturers  
Prov. 31:16 mothers want to be good providers  
1 Thes. 2:7-8 mothers want to be good nurturers  
Josh. 14:9 grandparents want to provide a spiritual legacy  
Prov. 13:22 grandparents want to be good providers  
James 1:19 although this verse applies to every believer,  
consider how this applies to grandparents  
\* swift to hear  
\* slow to speak  
\* slow to wrath

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2. FRIENDS

Prov. 27:10            don't forsake your friends -- a friend nearby is  
                         better than relatives far away  
Prov. 17:17            a friend is always a friend -- relatives are  
                         born to share our troubles -- (you choose  
                         your friends -- not your relatives)  
Prov. 18:24            a person who wants friends must show himself  
                         friendly -- there are friends who may stick  
                         closer than a brother  
Prov. 27:6            faithful are the wounds of a friend  
                         9        cologne and perfume smell good -- but the sweetness  
of a good friendship is better  
                         17        friends sharpen the minds of each other

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SOMEONE SPECIAL

I would like to let you know how much you mean to me.  
All the loving things you like to do, and you do so tenderly.  
All the time I need you, someone on whom I depend.  
I would like to let you know, you'll always be my friend.

Chorus:    You are someone special.    You are someone dear to me.  
            Always there to comfort and provide in time of need.  
            Sharing.    Ever caring.  
            Like a shepherd tends his sheep.  
            You are someone special, and my love is growing deep.

If you have a mother, won't you cherish her with care?  
Or you'll never know how much she's worth, till you see her empty  
            chair.  
If you have a father, show him honor and love.  
When you do, the praise will go to Father God above.

Chorus again:

You are the Good Shepherd and You lay down Your life for Your sheep.  
You call me by name, Lord, my heart and my soul You will keep.

Chorus again: