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Praising People Pays Off

(How to motivate people to be and do their best)

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"For God **DID NOT** send his Son into the world to condemn the world." (John 3:17 NIV)

"An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a KIND WORD CHEERS HIM UP." (Prov 12:25)

"Reckless words pierce like a sword, but **THE TONGUE OF THE WISE BRINGS HEALING.**"
(Proverbs 12:18 NIV)

The 6 Sounds

1. The Sound Of **Adoration**; "I Love You"
2. The Sound Of **Affirmation**; "I Believe In You"
3. The Sound Of **Admiration**; "I Am Proud Of You"
4. The Sound Of **Appreciation**; "I Need You In My Life"
5. The Sound Of **Empathy**; "I'm Sorry I Don't Tell You More"
6. The Sound Of **Loyalty**; "I Will Not Let You Go"

Which Do You Need Most?

Unsolicited **opinions**.

"A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions." (Prov 18:2)

Unwanted **advice**.

Guilt Me.

"For God sometimes uses sorrow in our lives to help us turn away from sin and seek eternal life. We should never regret his sending it. But the sorrow of the man who is not a Christian is not the sorrow of true repentance and does not prevent eternal death." (2 Cor 7:10)

God Me.

"His wife said to him, "Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!" (Job 2:9)

Glad-Hand Me.

"You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed--God is our witness." (1 Th 2:5)

Unexpected **praise**.

"Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else, and not your own lips."
(Proverbs 27:2 NIV)

WHEN DEALING WITH PEOPLE BE . . .

Radical with **love**.

"Pay all your debts except the debt of love for others--never finish paying that! For if you love them, you will be obeying all of God's laws, fulfilling all his requirements." (Rom 13:8)

Fanatical with **hope**.

"**Hope** deferred makes the heart sick, . . ." (Prov 13:12)

Conservative with **criticism**.

"My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, **slow** to speak and **slow** to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires."
(James 1:19-20)

Liberal with **praise**.

When I Praise You . . .

I am extending a **compassionate** touch.

"Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. **Be kind and compassionate to one another**, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." (Eph 4:31)

I am exposing my **true self**.

"Jesus asked, 'Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?'" (Luke 17:17-18)