

# THE 5/20 PROJECT

*For God so Loved He Gave...*



Kingdom Principles 140

## Image- Bearers

Using the **classic attributes of God from traditional Christian theology** can give the **5/20 Project a deeper theological foundation** while still keeping the message simple and practical. The key is not claiming we possess God's attributes in their fullness, but that **humans reflect and participate in them as image-bearers**.

Traditional theology often divides God's attributes into two groups:

1. **Incommunicable attributes** – those belonging to God alone
2. **Communicable attributes** – those God shares in reflection with humanity

The **5/20 Project primarily activates the communicable attributes**.

## Activating God's Classical Attributes Through The 5/20 Project

### 1. The Image of God (Imago Dei)

Traditional theology teaches that humans were created to **reflect God's character in the world**.

#### Genesis 1:27

"So God created mankind in His own image..."

This means humanity was designed to **display God's moral and relational attributes** within creation.

The 5/20 Project becomes a **practical way that God's character becomes visible through ordinary people**.

## The Communicable Attributes of God in Action

These are attributes theologians historically say **God shares with humanity in limited form**.

### 1. Love

#### 1 John 4:8

"God is love."

God's love is perfect and eternal.

Human love reflects that love in a **finite but real way**.

## **Within the 5/20 Project**

When an influencer says:

**“Jesus sees you. Jesus loves you.”**

they are expressing the **central attribute of God's nature**.

The \$20 is simply **a visible expression of divine love**.

## **2. Mercy**

### **Ephesians 2:4**

“But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy...”

Mercy means **God responds to human need with compassion rather than judgment**.

## **Within the 5/20 Project**

The project intentionally removes:

- shame and guilt
- judgment
- religious pressure

Instead, it communicates:

**“You are seen and loved exactly where you are.”**

This reflects **God's merciful posture toward humanity**.

## **3. Grace**

### **Ephesians 2:8**

“For it is by grace you have been saved...”

Grace means **receiving something good that we did not earn**.

## **Within the 5/20 Project**

The \$20 gift represents **a small but powerful symbol of grace**.

The recipient did nothing to deserve it.

Yet it is given freely.

This mirrors the **structure of the Gospel itself**.

#### **4. Generosity (Divine Goodness)**

Traditional theology describes God as **infinitely good and generous**.

##### **James 1:17**

“Every good and perfect gift is from above.”

##### **Within the 5/20 Project**

The act of giving reflects the **giving nature of God**.

Influencers are not just distributing money.

They are **participating in the generosity of God toward the world**.

#### **5. Compassion**

##### **Psalms 103:13**

“As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion...”

Compassion means **entering into another person's suffering**.

##### **Within the 5/20 Project**

Influencers are trained to **notice people others overlook**.

Compassion begins with:

**seeing people who feel invisible.**

#### **6. Faithfulness**

Another traditional attribute of God is **faithfulness**.

##### **Lamentations 3:22–23**

“Great is Your faithfulness.”

God always **keeps His promises**.

##### **Within the 5/20 Project**

Influencers trust that **God is already working in the life of the person they meet**.

They simply participate in what God is already doing.

## Attributes That Remain God's Alone

Traditional theology also reminds us that certain attributes belong **only to God**, such as:

| Attribute    | Meaning                |
|--------------|------------------------|
| Omnipotence  | God is all-powerful    |
| Omniscience  | God knows all things   |
| Omnipresence | God is everywhere      |
| Eternality   | God exists beyond time |

The 5/20 influencer **does not possess these attributes**, but **depends on God who does**.

This is why listening to **Holy Spirit guidance** is essential.

The influencer does not know everything.

But **God does**.

## The Beautiful Simplicity of the 5/20 Project

When understood through classical theology, the 5/20 Project becomes something profound:

It is a **small moment where God's communicable attributes are expressed through a human life**.

In one simple interaction:

- Love is expressed
- Mercy is demonstrated
- Grace is given
- Compassion is shown
- Generosity is practiced

And suddenly the invisible character of God becomes **visible in everyday life**.

*"The 5/20 Project is simply the image of God being activated in everyday life. When we love, show mercy, give generously, and see people the way God sees them, the character of God becomes visible through us."*

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