



**January 25th, 2025 "Art of Appreciation "**

-LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—SERVE THE WORLD-

**Word for 2026—The God of Heaven will help us  
succeed and we His servants will start rebuilding!**

*"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought,  
and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder. "*  
~G.K. Chesterton

**1 Thessalonians 5:18, Colossians 3:17, Philippians 4:6, Ephesians 5:20,  
Nehemiah 3:1-4**

✦ The "art of appreciation" is the intentional practice of  
recognizing and valuing God, people, and experiences.

**1.** A heart of gratitude helps us with our \_\_\_\_\_.

*The art of appreciation is cultivated in a person by living a life  
of thanksgiving, regardless of the circumstances.*

**Nehemiah 8:10**

✦ The rebuilding process is sacred when we do it God's way.

**2.** Joy is activated through \_\_\_\_\_.

*A grateful, thankful heart aligns with God's will for joy.*

**3.** Thankfulness is expressed deeply through \_\_\_\_\_.

✦ Worship is the chief remedy for self-centeredness,  
which is our original sin and the source of all actual sin.

*The true art of appreciation is our attitude toward our  
creator, life-giver, and redemptive mediator.*

**Romans 12:1**

**4.** Thankfulness is dedication to God's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Nehemiah 3:1**

✦ True restoration begins with spiritual cleansing and  
re-dedication.

*Nehemiah built the Sheep Gate first, emphasizing that proper worship of  
God should be the initial focus of any spiritual or communal restoration.  
This gate was where lambs for sacrifice entered, linking it to Jesus, the  
ultimate sacrifice (John 1:29), who entered Jerusalem through this gate  
for His Passion, fulfilling the Old Testament system.*

**Answers:** attitude, thanksgiving, worship, purpose.

**\*all verses were taken from the NLT unless otherwise noted.**