

The background features a dark field with vibrant, flowing, wavy lines in shades of orange, red, yellow, and cyan. The lines are layered and have a slight transparency, creating a sense of depth and movement.

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

Thankfulness is a Choice

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EPHESIANS 5:15–20

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



THREE THINGS INGRATITUDE LEADS TO:

1. Selfishness
2. Dissatisfaction
3. Bitterness



ROMANS 1:21

²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.



1- BE THANKFUL FOR OUR
CREATOR



PSALM 100:5

⁵ For the LORD is good and his love
endures forever; his
faithfulness continues through all
generations.



THREE THINGS TO BE THANKFUL TO GOD FOR:

1. The Lord is good
2. His love endures forever
3. His faithfulness endures to all generations



2- BE THANKFUL FOR THE
PEOPLE GOD HAS PLACED
IN OUR LIVES

We often
take for
GRANTED
the very things
that most
DESERVE
our gratitude.

-Cynthia Ozick



3- BE THANKFUL FOR
MATERIAL BLESSINGS

WHAT IF YOU

WOKE UP

today

WITH ONLY THE

THINGS YOU

THANKED GOD FOR

yesterday

PHILIPPIANS 4:11–12

¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.



QUOTE

With gratitude there is an absence of grumbling or taking things for granted.



TEST OF GRATITUDE:

- Positive
- Aware of his presence
- Humble
- Peaceful
- Thoughtful
- Generous
- Unselfish
- Expressive
- Friendly
- Contagious
- Motivated
- Servant hearted
- Faithful
- Fruitful
- Joyful



EPHESIANS 5:20

²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

DANIEL 6:10

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.



1 THESSALONIANS 5:16–
18

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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PEOPLE WHO ARE
THANKFUL. IT IS
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HAPPY.