



THE ART OF THANKSGIVING

Have you ever had a devotional that stayed in your thoughts for the rest of your life? It could have been from a sermon, worship or chapel presentation, or your own personal time of spiritual edification. For me, everyday I think of “The Art Of Thanksgiving” by Wilfred A. Peterson. (1) pp. 44–45.

The art of thanksgiving is *thanksgiving*. It is gratitude in action. It is applying Albert Schweitzer’s philosophy: “In gratitude for your own good fortune you must render in return some sacrifice of your life for other life.”

It is thanking God for the gift of life by living it triumphantly.

It is thanking God for your talents and abilities by accepting them as an obligation to be invested for the common good.

It is thanking God for all that men and women have done for you by doing things for others.

It is thanking God for opportunities by accepting them as a challenge to achievement.

It is thanking God for happiness by striving to make others happy.

It is thanking God for beauty by helping to make the world more beautiful.

It is thanking God for inspiration by trying to be an inspiration to others.

It is thanking God for health and strength by the care and reverence you show your body.

It is thanking God for the creative ideas that enrich life by adding your own creative contributions to human progress.

It is thanking God for each new day by living it to the fullest.

It is thanking God by giving hands, arms, legs and voice to your thankful spirit.

It is adding to your prayers of thanksgiving, acts of *thanksgiving*.

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Thanksgiving.

Peterson, Wilfred A. (1961). *The Art of Living*. Simon and Schuster, New York, 44-45.

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