

A large, stylized tree with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, red, and yellow is centered within a circular frame. The tree's trunk is dark and solid. The background of the entire image is a warm, golden sunset or sunrise sky with soft, wispy clouds. The circular frame around the tree is composed of two concentric white lines. The text "Be Thankful" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font, centered over the tree's canopy.

# Be Thankful

Treasures from Thessalonians



Three commands of the inner most being of the redeemed heart.

1 Thessalonians 5:16 Rejoice evermore.

1Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

1Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

The command: be happy, be prayerful, be thankful.

The scope: evermore, without ceasing, everything.

(Exhaustive: including all possibilities.)

Give thanks: *eucharisteō*. To be grateful, feel thankful.

Eucharist: remembrance of what Jesus did for you.

1. Acknowledge the benefit comes from everything.  
Everything: *pas*. Each, every, any, all, the whole, everyone, all things, everything.

**Romans 8:28** And we know that **all things** work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever** believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



2. Acknowledge the benefit comes from without.

"Self-made man" is a classic phrase coined on February 2, 1832 by Henry Clay in the United States Senate, to describe individuals whose success lay within the individuals themselves, not with outside conditions

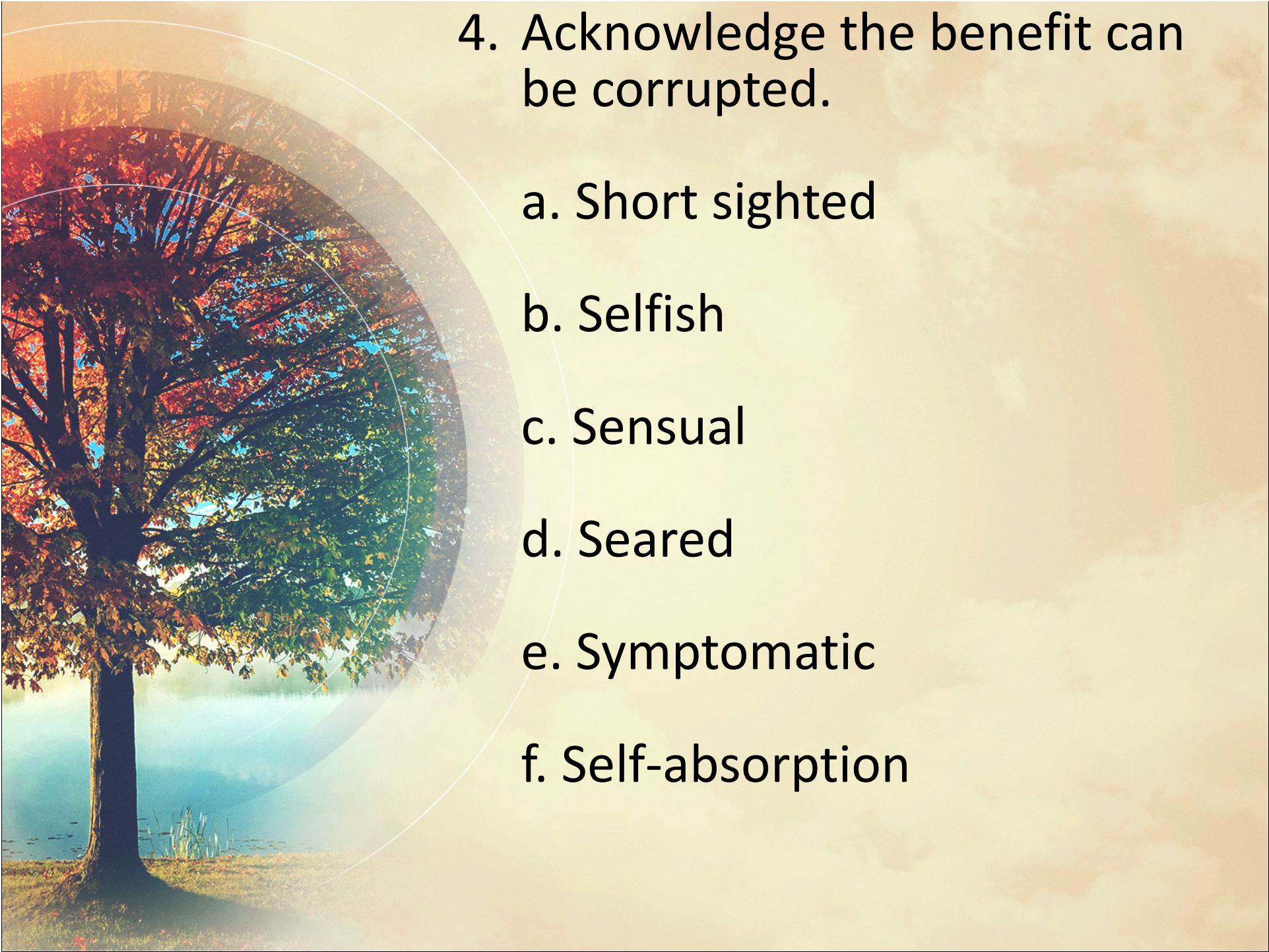
We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation ever has grown; but we have forgotten God! We have forgotten the gracious Hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

***Abraham Lincoln 16th president.1863***

3. Acknowledge the benefit of obeying God's will.

**2Timothy 3:1-5** This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. <sup>2</sup> For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, **unthankful**, unholy, <sup>3</sup> Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, <sup>4</sup> Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; <sup>5</sup> Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.





4. Acknowledge the benefit can be corrupted.

a. Short sighted

b. Selfish

c. Sensual

d. Seared

e. Symptomatic

f. Self-absorption