

*Make the Most of this*  
**NEW YEAR**





*Practicing*  
**GRATITUDE**



# The Power Of Gratitude



**A positive response to the  
unfailing goodness of God.**



*“A spirit of thankfulness is one of the most distinctive marks of a Christian whose heart is attuned to the Lord. Thank God in the midst of trials and every persecution.”*

**BILLY GRAHAM**



*For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity  
lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have  
been brought to fullness. He is the head  
over every power and authority.*

COLOSSIANS 2:9-10



*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

**COLOSSIANS 3:15-17**







*Give thanks in all  
circumstances; for this is God's  
will for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18







**One of the enemy's  
most effective weapons  
is discouragement.**





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- 3 > We are liberated.







*“Gratitude is the ability to experience life as a gift. It liberates us from the prison of self-preoccupation.”*

JOHN ORTBERG



**CULTIVATING  
A HEART OF  
GRATITUDE**



**1**

**Prioritize God's presence.**



**A**doration

**C**onfession

**T**hanksgiving

**S**upplication



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of the cross.**



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**Walk with the wise.**



*Walk with the wise and become  
wise, for a companion of fools  
suffers harm.*

PROVERBS 13:20



*“The unthankful heart discovers no mercies; but the thankful heart will find in every hour, some heavenly blessings.”*

HENRY WAR BEECHER



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# CONNECTION CARD

Drop off in the black boxes as you exit, or meet us at the Connection Center in the lobby!

NAME(S) & BIRTHDAY(S)

M  
 F  
  
 M  
 F

PHONE NUMBER(S)

EMAIL(S)

ADDRESS

I'm new to BCA     BCA is my home!

## MY DECISION:

- I want to follow Jesus
- I want to be baptized
- I want to start serving at BCA
- I want to sign up for the DISCOVER class

## PRAYERS / COMMENTS

How can we pray for you?





