

## GRATITUDE

*“Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.  
1 Thessalonians 5:18 NLT*

### STEP 2: REFLECTIONS

#### 1. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE GRATEFUL? (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

- Being grateful is a virtue of character, which develops by recognizing that what we have and what we are comes from God. When we learn to depend totally on Him and give Him all the recognition that keeps us at peace in our hearts.
- To be grateful is to look at everything we have, all the blessings that God has given us, instead of complaining about what we do not have.
- Being grateful is being aware of what other people do for us. We have to focus on thanking people for the good they do. Instead of coming to the house to tell the children they did not do anything, thank them because at least they did wash the dishes.

#### Benefits:

- ***Being grateful extends God favor to us.*** (Psalms 5:12) It means access, special treatment, and special privileges. The favor of God can do what money cannot. Some doors will only open due to God’s favor on us.
- ***Being grateful makes God trust us more.*** When we are grateful for what we have, instead of complaining about what we do not have, God will unleash what we do not have.
- ***Giving thanks to God is the key for the Supernatural to be Unleashed*** (John 6:11) Jesus needed to feed the crowds with a few fish and some loaves of bread. He showed people that being grateful brings multiplication.

### STEP 2: REFLECT AND RESPONSE

1. While you eat dinner, take some time to think about all those things for which you thank God and share it with others.
2. How can we show God and those around us that we are grateful for what they do for us?
3. Thank someone at CDP and share how they have been a blessing in your life.

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