A young soldier was in his bunkhouse all alone one Sunday morning. It was quiet that day, the guns and the mortars, for some reason, hadn’t made a noise. The young soldier knew it was Sunday, the holiest day of the week. As he was sitting there, he got out an old deck of cards and laid them out across his bunk.

Just then his Sargent came in and asked, “Why aren’t you with the rest of the platoon?” The soldier replied, “I thought I would stay behind and spend some time with the Lord.” The Sargent said, “Looks like you’re going to play cards.”

The soldier said, “No, sir, you see, since we are not allowed to have Bibles or other spiritual books in this country, I’ve decided to talk to the Lord by studying this deck of cards.” The Sargent asked in disbelief, “How will you do that?”

The soldier replied, “Well, Sargent…

The Ace reminds us that there is only one true God.
The Two represents the two parts of the Bible, Old and New Testaments.
The Three represents the Trinity - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
The Five is for the five virgins; there were ten, but only five were glorified.
The Six is for the six days it took for God to create the Heavens and Earth.
The Seven is for the day that God rested after working six days.
The Eight is for Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives, who God saved from the flood that covered the Earth.
The Nine is the nine lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy; he cleansed ten, but nine never thanked him.
The Ten represents the Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on stone tablets.
The Jack is a reminder of Satan. One of God’s first angels, but he was kicked out of heaven for his sly and wicked ways and is now the Joker of eternal hell.
The Queen stands for the Virgin Mary.
The King stands for Jesus, for he is the King of all Kings.

There are a total of 52 cards in a deck, each represents a week, 52 weeks each year in which to offer prayer and thanksgiving.
The four suits, clubs, spades, hearts, and diamonds, represent the four seasons: spring, summer, fall, and winter, each a visible sign of God’s splendor.
Each suit has thirteen cards, the amount of weeks in each season.
So when I want to talk to God and thank him, I just pull out this old deck of cards and it reminds me of all I have to be thankful for.”

The Sargent just stood there and after a minute, with tears in his eyes and pain in his heart, he said, “Soldier, can I borrow that deck of cards?”