

# Thanksgiving Perspective

Acts 16:25



**THANKS**  **LIVING**  
To give it means to live it



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# Today's Challenges

- **Powerful / Unique**

**Without God We Are:**

- **Overwhelmed / Overcome**

**With God We Are:**

- **Not Overwhelmed but Overcomers...**

**Paul and Silas**

- **Overwhelmed** (*cast down- bound*)

- **Not Overcome** (*unshakeable*)

**They Knew the Powerful Force of  
Thanks-Living!**



# Thanks-Living

## There are Different Levels of Thanksgiving

- **Act** (*thanksgiving*)
  - **After Receipt**
  - **Momentary**
  - **Polite**
- **Attitude** (*thanks-living*)
  - **Receipt Unnecessary-** (Position)
  - **Continual**
  - **Produces**
    - **Faith**
    - **Praise**
    - **Power**



# Thanks-Living is Attractive (25)

Praises(*celebrate w/ praise / thanksgiving unto God*)

- **To God – it Gets His Attention –*God Heard***
  - **God is Always Listening**
  - **Does He Like What He Hears?**
- **To the World –it Gets Their Attention**
  - ***Prisoners Heard (to hear w- expectation/ joy)***

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# Thanks-Living is Active (26-34)

It Moves the Heart of God...

...Then it Moves the Hand of God (*Earthquake/ Chains*)

Key to Miracles..

- Seeking His Heart 1<sup>st</sup>
- Then His Hand
  - 10 Lepers

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# Thanks-Living is Active (26-34)

It Moves the Heart of Man...

...Moving the Hand of Man –*started series of events*

1<sup>st</sup>- Prisoners Stayed in Cells...

- Witnessed Genuine Move of God
- Expectation –*what's happening next?*

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# Thanks-Living is Active (26-34)

**It Moves the Heart of Man...**

**...Moving the Hand of Man –*started series of events***

**2<sup>nd</sup>- Jailor Saved:**

- **1<sup>st</sup> Phy Death-** *“Suicide”*
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Spt Death-** *“Salvation”*

**3<sup>rd</sup>- Jailor Brought Them Out and Up...**

**...into His Home Ministered to Them**

**4<sup>th</sup>- Jailor’s Family Saved...**

**...Thanksgiving has a Ripple Effect**

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# Thanks-Living is the Answer

Everything Else was Powerless to Deliver

- Cast Down - Bound

Thanksgiving was Liberated and Liberating!

- When You Have Nothing Else to Give...Give Thanks!
  - Can't Bargain Way Out
  - Complain Way Out
  - Scheme Way Out

Offer Thanks-Living to the Lord...

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# Thanks-Living is the Answer

Offer Thanks-Living to the Lord...

...Watch the Chains Fall



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