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*1 Thessalonians 5:18*

A. Thanks-Living reminds me that I must give Account to a Higher Authority

* When you think of all the Blessings you have received, to Whom do you give thanks?
* Psalm 103:1-5; God’s Giving deserves our Thanksgiving!

B. Thanks-Living reminds me of the Power of a Right Attitude

* Trials and Tribulations come to us all
* Some people become Sour and Cranky
* Others become Sweet and Kind
* Use Trials and Tribulations as Stepping Stones to grow closer to God
* Are you an Act-or or React-or?
* If you don’t have all the things you Want, be grateful for all you don’t have that you Don’t want
* A Thankful Heart leads to a Joyful Heart

C. Thanks-Living is Key to an Overcoming Christian Life

* God is in Control and He is Good!
* Philippians 1:12-18; We do not thank God For everything but In everything
* There is a relationship between Thanksgiving and Trust
* Basis: God is Good! All the Time!
* There is a relationship between Thanksgiving and Power in prayer
* The Two-fold Power of Giving Thanks
* Giving thanks releases Faith in prayer
* Like praise, giving thanks builds Confidence in God’s desire and ability to help
* When you have confidence in God’s Ability, that He Can and Will intervene, then you can begin to Rest in Him and Thank Him for the answer; Philippians 4:4-7

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