



## Thanksgiving in Stocks and Bonds

*Acts 16:9-33*

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**Introduction:** It seems that all we are hearing on TV these days are reports of our economy. Now for many of us this is all very scary and for good reasons. After all, we do have invested interests in stocks and bonds! The very hope our financial future rests on the investments of those brokers. I entitled the message for tonight “Thanksgiving in Stocks and Bonds.” The stocks and bonds that I’m referring to are not the ones on Wall Street. Paul and Silas had made far greater and lasting investments than ones that others make. They had invested their lives in God’s service, expecting eternal dividends! They had stocks and bonds in the Philippian prison as they prayed and praised God. How could these persecuted prisoners ever be thankful? What did Paul and Silas have that we do not? Well, they had a spirit of thankfulness.

### I. Thankfulness for What God Has Done (vs. 6-10)

A. Be thankful that God has led you (vs. 6-9)

B. Be thankful that God has called you (vs. 10)

### II. Thankfulness for What God Is Doing (vs. 11-25)

A. Be thankful for God’s providences (vs. 11-15)

B. Be thankful for God’s power (vs. 16-18)

C. Be thankful for persecution (vs. 19-25)

### III. Thankfulness for What God Will Do (vs. 26-33)

A. Thankfulness brings freedom from bondage (vs. 26)

B. Thankfulness bears a witness to the lost (vs. 27-33)

**Conclusion:**

