

Lydia, An Example of a True Christian

Acts 16: 13-15

Lydia worshiped God, but she didn't really know Him. She is a picture of so many people who worship God but don't know Him. Verse 14 says that Lydia heard them. Many are exposed to good preaching, but don't pay attention.

Paul and Silas preached at a small meeting by the river. They never looked for a big crowd to minister God's word. (v-13) Lydia is the woman who met Paul and Silas at a prayer meeting. **Good things happen when you take the time to go to a prayer meeting.** Lydia went to this prayer meeting that changed her life. (v-14) Lydia opened her ears. She was a businesswoman from Asia living in Philippi. She had been seeking the Lord, so she came to this meeting.

(v-14) The Lord opened Lydia's heart.

In Jeremiah 29:13, it says And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.. Lydia listened to the Word and the Lord opened her heart. When her heart was open, she responded to the gospel.

(v-15) She made her conversion public through baptism (obedience). Many receive the Lord, but refuse to be baptized. **Lydia opened her home for the Lord.** (v-15, 40) She wanted her family and neighbors to know what had happened.

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