

## **LYDIA: OPEN HEART, OPEN HOME**

Acts 16:13-15

**We need women and mothers who are genuine and generous!**

*A Women with:*

### **I. AN OPEN HEART**

#### A. A SINCERE Heart (13-14)

1. Her Decision: She worshipped God (14)
2. Her Desire: Prayer and fellowship
3. Her Devotion (13)
  - Meeting by the river on the Sabbath

#### B. A SEARCHING Heart (14)

1. Listening to God's Word
2. Led by God's Word
3. Lingering on God's Word

#### C. A SURRENDERED Heart (15a)

1. Identifying with Christ
2. Influencing others for Christ

*A Women with:*

### **II. AN OPEN HOME** (15b)

#### A. HER SUMMONS

- "If you have judged me to be faithful"

#### B. HER SERVICE

1. Wanting: The missionaries!
  - Come! ... Stay! ... I insist!
2. Willing: To do what she could
3. Witnessing: As a fellow-helper with the gospel
4. Working: Not just saved but serving

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### C. HER SACRIFICE

1. The Provision
  - There were four of them: Paul, Silas, Timothy and Luke
2. The Period
  - She apparently kept them for many days (v.18)
3. The Pouring Out (v. 40)

### D. HER SWEETNESS

1. Encouragement for Paul
2. Assistance for Paul
  - This hospitality allowed Paul not to have to work to support himself and his associates

### CONCLUSION:

#### ***One woman affected her church .... !***

- See Philippians 1:3-5; 4:1; 4:13-17
- All of this is the result of this initial convert and her efforts in assisting the establishment of the Philippian church!

#### **What kind of women are you ?**

- I. Genuine: An Open Heart ? Are you saved ?
- II. Generous: An Open Home ? Are you serving ?

### **WE NEED LYDIA-TYPE LADIES IN OUR CHURCH !**