

How A Mother Saved Her Family ... *And How You Can Save Yours*

In Acts 16:11-15 we read of “Lydia, a seller of purple”. While many things could be said of this wonderful woman, perhaps the greatest thing about her is that she was able to bring forth a household “faithful to the Lord” (verse 15). Many mothers (and fathers) today can learn great lessons from this woman as they seek to secure their relationship with God as well as the relationship of their children with God.

How is it that this woman was able to accomplish this... what did she do that we can follow to accomplish this wonderful goal?

First, we notice that she had a desire to please God. We read that she gathered with other women to pray and study (13-14). She was seeking through His word what His desire for her life was.

Second, we see that this great lady was humble. Though she no doubt had many convictions before hearing the words Paul presented to her, she “attended unto the things which were spoken” (14). Her pride in previous beliefs did not prevent her acceptance of the truth when she was confronted with it.

Third, we see that Lydia was obedient. When taught what it was that God desired for her to do, “she was baptized” (15). She did not rebel against His will and refuse to “do” anything He commanded. No doubt she realized what Christ had taught, that to truly love God demands obedience to His will (John 14:15).

Fourth, she was concerned for her household. We find that the references to faithfulness pertain to her “and her household”... (15). Like all godly parents, this woman desired to share with her family the wonderful Good News which she herself had heard and thus encouraged their obedience also.

The result of this wonderful woman’s life and character was of eternal importance to her and her family. As a result of her reaction to the truth of God’s Word she and her house could be counted as “faithful to the Lord.”

What about us?

- Do we desire to learn those things necessary to be pleasing to God?
- Will we humble ourselves and refuse to allow our pride reject the things revealed in His Word?
- Will we love God enough to do whatever it is that He commands?

- Will we have the concern for our loved ones and teach and encourage them to have the same mind and character toward God?

If we are willing to be as this wonderful lady of old, we too will be able to be counted as “faithful to the Lord” and be able to help our family to likewise have this grand assurance!

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