

**Shine
For
One**

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Acts 16:13–14 (ESV)

¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ **One who heard** us was a woman named **Lydia**, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. **The Lord opened her heart** to pay attention to **what was said by Paul**.

In Acts 16:6-10 we see where it took the Work of the Holy Spirit to get Paul here. It is a work of the Holy Spirit to get you where you are. Look at your position and location not professionally but by the Hand of God to minister the gospel with power!!!

As we look at the place we are as the hand of God, we begin to look for Him, see HIM, and cooperate with HIM. As we do that the miraculous begin to happen, because God reveals miracles where HE is present. Where HE is present, HE touches people.

Acts 18:9–10 (ESV)

⁹ And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, ¹⁰ for **I am with you**, and no one will attack you to harm you, for **I have many in this city who are my people.**”

This is very consistent with how Paul ended up talking to Lydia.

Lydia identified as “the One who heard” – In the masses, God touches “the one” just like HE touched you.

“The Lord opened Lydia’s heart “– The person trusting Christ exercises faith and belief. However, no one comes to salvation except through the act of the eternal God; the Lord opened her heart just like HE opened your heart.

1 Thessalonians 1:4–5 (ESV)

⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

How do we know God moved? Because the evidence of the – Word – Power – Holy Spirit – Full conviction! This is a question to ask ourselves. There is evidence when God moves.

Lydia paid attention to “What was said by Paul” – What a mystery to know God has chosen and opened the heart of someone. This mystery rests with the majesty of God. However for the purposes of God to be fulfilled, we are required to open our mouth of our own free will and speak the love of Christ. Sharing the love of Christ is an evidence of the Holy Spirit. Witnessing is a visible by product of a Christian.

Acts 1:8 (ESV)

But **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

God asks you to carry the stigma of being a Christian into the masses of people to touch that “one person” that God has already touched. We cannot let “the many” silence us and keep us from touching “the one” chosen of God. We shine for the one! We are stigma to the many to touch the one. It is absolutely and totally a work of Satan to keep Christians quiet and keep them from proclaiming their faith.

We have a responsibility and the Heavens are observing our proclamation of Christ to touch “the one”.

Luke 15:10 (ESV)

Just so, I tell you, there is **joy before the angels of God over one sinner** who repents.”

Luke 12:8 (ESV)

And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, **the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God,**

Here is the secret the Kingdom of God. When we shine before “the one”, God moves in the many.

Acts 16:15 (ESV)

And after **Lydia** was baptized, and her **household*** as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.”

**oikos signifies a household, family*

The many comes from the one. We need to be obedient to “the one” and God will bring in the many. The same thing happened later when Paul was miraculously rescued from prison. The witness to “the one” led to the witness to the many.

Acts 16:30–31 (ESV)

³⁰ Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your **household.**”

Acts 16:33 (ESV)

³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family.

This is also what Jesus was saying to his disciples.

Luke 10:5–6 (ESV)

⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘**Peace** be to this **house!**’ ⁶ And if a **son of peace (Like Lydia)** is there, your **peace** will rest upon him. But if not, **it will return to you.**

We pronounce the tangible, all encompassing peace of God and those God has touched will receive it.

In this whole equation of the powerful move of the Holy Spirit, God requires us to open our mouth. God requires us to speak into a situation. God will do HIS part and “open the heart of the one,” however we are required to do our part.

We share forgiveness through Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit that was promised.

Galatians 3:14 (ESV)

In Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, **“so that”** we might **receive the Spirit as promised** through faith.

The ministry of the Holy Spirit always exalts Christ as of first importance.

1 Corinthians 15:3–4 (ESV)

³ For I delivered to you as of **first importance** what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

Give people the Wagon with Wheels!

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