

## 57. Lydia

Acts 16:14-15, 40

And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

... And they went out of the prison, and entered into *the house of* Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed. (KJV)

One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

... After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia's house, where they met with the brothers and encouraged them. Then they left. (NIV)

One of them was Lydia from Thyatira, a merchant of expensive purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying. She was baptized along with other members of her household, and she asked us to be her guests. "If you agree that I am faithful to the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my home." And she urged us until we did.

... Paul and Silas then returned to the home of Lydia, where they met with the believers and encouraged them once more before leaving town. (NLT)



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ABIDE	DEALER	MESSAGE
ACCEPTED	ENCOURAGED	PAUL
ATTENDED	EXPENSIVE	PERSUADED
BAPTIZED	FAITHFUL	PRISON
BESOUGHT	GUESTS	PURPLE
BRETHREN	LEAVING	SELLER
CITY	LISTENING	SILAS
CLOTH	LYDIA	THYATIRA
COMFORTED	MEMBERS	URGED
CONSTRAINED	MERCHANT	WORSHIPPED