

October 8, 2023
Acts 16:1-15
“Prevailing Wind, Persistent Will”

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

Gentiles would not be required to become Jews in order to be saved, and conversely, Jews would not have to abandon their Jewishness in order to become Christians.

Doors, opened and closes by the leading of the Holy Spirit. Knowing His will is walking by lamp/lantern light, one step at a time. Paul and company were obedient to God.

Train up a child in the way he should go . . . (Proverbs 22:6) God used a faithful grandmother and Mom to raise/prepare a man He could use. See II Timothy 1:5-7.

Vv 1-3, Timothy was circumcised for the sake of the ministry to the unbelieving Jews.

In v 10 the “we” passage begin. They identify Luke as the author of this epistle.

The Jerusalem Council decision was delivered, the churches were “strengthened” in the faith and “grew” in numbers. Sound doctrine and unity builds strong churches.

Lydia was a worshipper of God; she was not considered a proselyte but was a worshipper of YAHWEH. When she heard the gospel, she opened her heart in a saving response to Paul’s message, God is sovereign in salvation. Paul started with only a small group of women in Europe, do not despise humble beginnings.

Paul mentored Timothy: I Corinthians 4:17; I Thessalonians 3:2; Philippians 2:19; I Timothy 1:2; II Timothy 1:2. Who are you investing in with spiritual things? Got fruit?

Joshua 24:15.

Application:

The whole household being baptized is not a license for those who wrongly push paedobaptism, the baptizing of infants. It is always has been and always will be baptism of those who have heard, understood, and believed the gospel, resulting in saving faith through God’s grace. Throughout Acts baptism is based on personal faith and commitment, and there is no reason to see otherwise in the household baptisms. At the same time do not be surprised when you see a whole family turn to the Lord after someone in the family is truly born again! Your family, your mission field.