



Tale of two women!

Lydia and the fortune teller

Acts 16:11-18

Lydia:

1. Before Paul and Silas, she was a _____ woman _____ the true God.
2. When she heard the gospel, she responded by _____.
3. After being saved, she took the gospel to her _____ – who also believed.
4. She immediately began to _____ God with hospitality and generosity.

Fortune Teller:

1. _____ property who was rented out as a fortune teller.
2. Empowered by a Demon.
3. Both a physical slave, and a spiritual slave.

The fortune teller was _____ from a great deal of bondage by Paul.

4. She _____ that Paul, Silas, Luke, and Timothy were servants of the True God.
5. She _____ that their message was a message of forgiveness of sin / salvation.

The fortune teller knew the _____ that held the power of spiritual life.

6. There is _____ report of her conversion, gratitude, or change of lifestyle.

In Comparison, based on the same information:

1. Lydia repented and became a convert, the fortune teller did not.
2. Lydia followed her conversion with evangelism, baptism, and ministry. The fortune teller probably continued on in her previous work – or something similar.
3. Lydia's proclamation of the truth was _____, the proclamation of the fortune teller was _____.
 - a. Lydia's proclamations were motivated by love and _____.
 - b. The fortune teller's proclamations were motivated by greed and _____.

Two warnings that we must heed, even in 2022.

1. Satan will often speak _____, as a means of luring you into a false faith.
 - a. Mormon Church Truth – Family, community, morality, right living, etc.
Mormon Church heresy – You can become a God, Works based salvation
 - b. Prosperity Gospel Truth – God blesses generosity, God blesses with provisions
Prosperity Gospel heresy – God always blesses with financial provision, if He is not, then your faith is questionable at best.
 - c. NAR Truth – Christianity should intersect with politics, economics, family, education, and every other area of life.
NAT heresy – Christianity must one day rule each of these arenas so that Jesus can finally return and establish his kingdom.
 - d. Today's Truth – These men are from God and bring you salvation.
Today's heresy – When these men are gone, I/We will take over and lead you.
 - e. 1 Timothy 4:1, Revelation 9:20
2. Not everyone responds _____ to the gospel message, even when the Apostle Paul is the one who brings it.
 - a. The **fortune teller** did not respond with belief
 - b. Her **owners** did not respond with belief
 - c. The **magistrates** did not respond with belief
 - d. The **crowd** did not respond with belief

Application based off warnings:

1. Be careful when you read a book, watch a video, listen to a podcast, or attend a church. Make sure that you _____ all of their teachings with scripture before you blindly follow them into error or even heresy.
2. Some people will reject the gospel no matter how good of a job you or others do in presenting it. This does _____ mean you failed. It does not mean you should _____ sharing. And it does not mean that your conversation will not make a difference sometime in the _____. (Mike Riddle)