

# ACTS

CHRIST'S MISSION BY HIS SPIRIT THROUGH THE CHURCH

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**Message Title:** Leadable

**Message Text:** Acts 16:6-15

## Introduction:

*Psalm 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: And he delighteth in his way.*

*Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

Jesus had given His disciples the general strategy (Acts 1:8) for taking the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world right before He returned to Heaven. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit coupled with committed, *leadeable* followers, He gave the specific direction for accomplishing this strategy. As we follow the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul in our passage, we will notice that he was led from his home church to regions that were unreached with the life-changing message of the Gospel. Paul, along with Silas, Timothy and Luke, truly exemplified *leadeable* servants of Christ.

## 1. They were \_\_\_\_\_ in the Work <sup>(6)</sup>

### A. They Had \_\_\_\_\_ on the Burden <sup>(6a)</sup>

*Acts 16:6a Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia...*

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*Acts 15:36 And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.*

**B. They were \_\_\_\_\_ New Mission Fields (6b)**

*Romans 15:20 Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:*

*Acts 16:6b ...and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,*

As Paul was seeking, God was \_\_\_\_\_. God leads with both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ doors.

**2. They were \_\_\_\_\_ to the Spirit (6b; 7-12c)**

NOTE: Paul's second missionary journey (circa AD 49–51) takes him further into areas that were primarily Gentile (non-Jewish). This passage narrates how Paul's dependence on the Holy Spirit takes him and his companions to Macedonia. —FSB

**A. Attentive to \_\_\_\_\_ (6b-9)**

*Acts 16:6–9 ...and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, 7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. 8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.*

THE HOLY SPIRIT SAID “NO”

DEFINITION—FORBIDDEN: to be prevented  
{Only used here in the NT}

THE HOLY SPIRIT GAVE UNMISTAKEABLE DIRECTION

*Acts 16:9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.*

NOTE —This God-given vision featured the prayer of the lost man.

*Romans 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:*

*Acts 16:10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.*

DEFINITION—ASSUREDLY GATHERING: to decide by reasoning; draw or come to a conclusion.

NOTE — The pronouns change here from *they* to *us* and *we*. Luke is believed to have joined the team here.

QUOTE: [The man of Macedonia] represented Europe, and his cry for help Europe's need of Christ. Paul recognized in the vision a divine summons; and the very next sunset which bathed the Hellespont in its gold light shone upon his figure seated on the deck of a ship, the bow of which was moving toward the shore of Macedonia. —Stalker

**B. Attentive to \_\_\_\_\_ (11-12c)**

*Acts 16:11–12 Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis; 12 And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony...*

QUOTE: To delay is to disobey!

### **3. They were \_\_\_\_\_ of their Environment (12d-15)**

**A. \_\_\_\_\_ for Opportunities (12d–13)**

*Acts 16:12d–13 ...and we were in that city abiding certain days. 13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made...*

DEFINITION—ABIDING: to spend time, conceived of as vigorously rubbing or wearing away an allocation of time.

NOTE — As a colony of Rome, Philippi was a military town. There were very few Jews and so it did not have a synagogue.

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## B. \_\_\_\_\_ the Opportunities (13b-15)

*Acts 16:13–14 ...and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither. 14 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.*

*Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

LYDIA — a business woman from Thyatira

DEFINITION—ATTENDED: to heed; to listen, hear, or pay close attention to, and usually respond in conformity.

*Acts 16:15 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.*

NOTE — Lydia's home became the headquarters for the work of the Gospel in Philippi.

## Conclusion

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### Questions to Consider

Are you leadable?

Does the Spirit of God have your ear?

Is the Spirit of God quenched or grieved about *any* sin in your life?

What would the next several hours look like if you obeyed the prompting of the Spirit right now?

