

"With Thankful Hearts"

Tuesday, November 16



"Home"

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She 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. Acts 16:13-15

Sometimes we take for granted the basics in life. When we ask, "what do we have to be thankful for?" we overlook the fact that we might have a non-leaking roof over our head, a choice of food for our meals, a comfortable bed, and a safe place to sleep. These basics are important and life-giving. They are the essentials on which we build the rest of our life.

Lydia, the dealer in purple cloth also had these essentials. She was a woman of means. The notation of purple cloth subtly refers to customers who wore that kind of expensive cloth. And she had a home like we do. She also spent time praying with her community and was at the river worshipping where the community gathered. She responded with thanks was by inviting Paul's party to stay with her.

Try to ponder, today, the basics for which you can be thankful. And also remember the people who have been Christ to you. We can be thankful for much!