

# Lydia

Acts 16: 14, 40

Lydia - a business woman - a "seller of purple"  
probably successful - a seeker after truth -  
Europe's 1<sup>st</sup> Christian.

Probably between 50-60 A.D.

1. Determination

2. Generosity

3. Personal charm - her home open to the Church

1. Lydia met Paul on the river bank - she was there  
2. Jesus praying - she was a God-seeker

2. She accepted Christ & was baptized - putting  
Christ: 1<sup>st</sup> choosing Him even tho it might  
not be good for her business

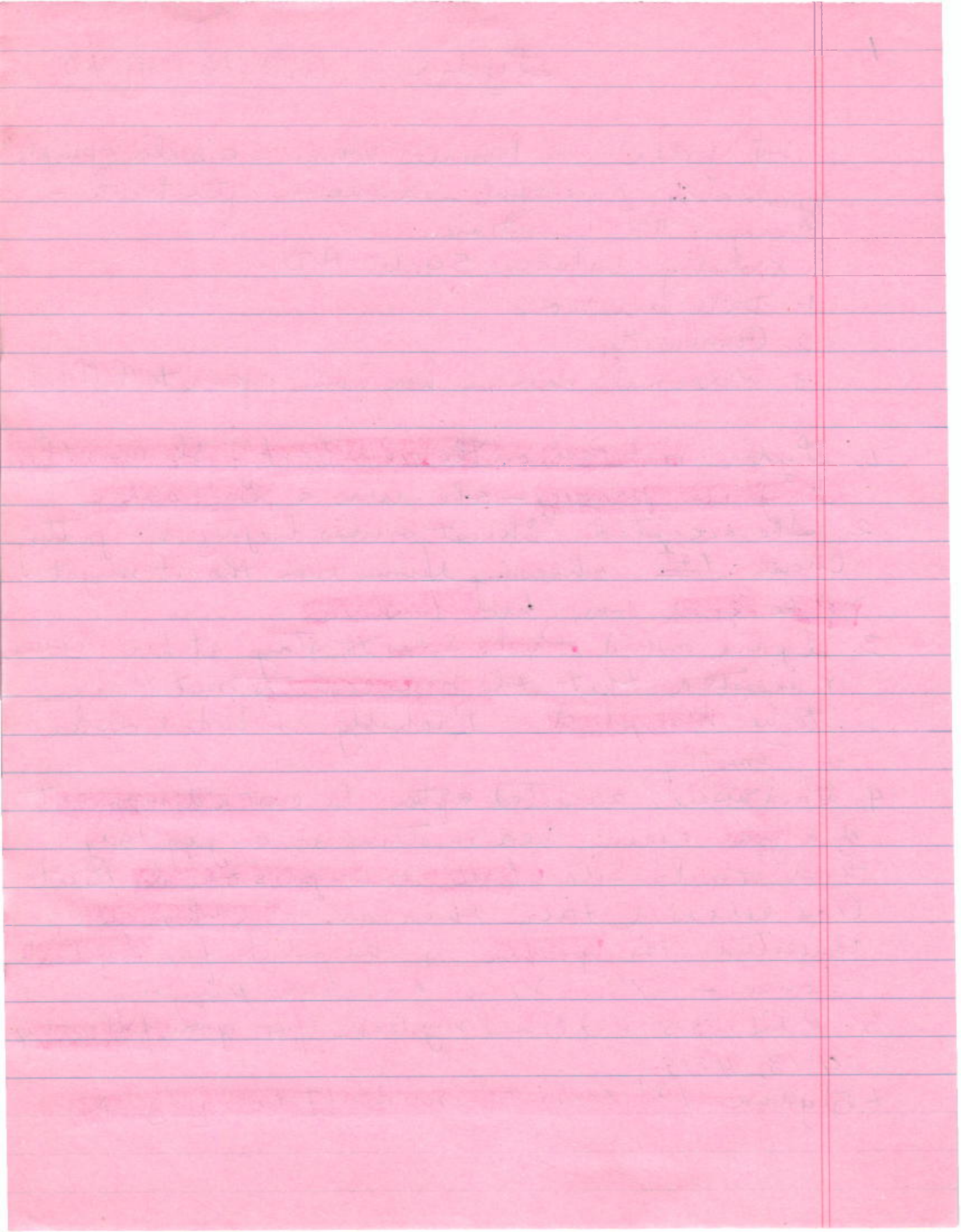
3. Lydia asked Paul & Silas to stay at her house  
& insisted that the new converts meet there  
to be discipled. Probably included Luke  
& Timothy

4. Paul & Silas arrested after he cast a demon out  
of a girl & made her masters so angry they  
had Paul & Silas beaten & imprisoned. But  
God released them thru an earthquake,  
converted the jailer & headed for Lydia's  
house. - The Xians had been praying

5. Phil 1:35 - I thank my God - for your fellowship

4:13, 4:19-

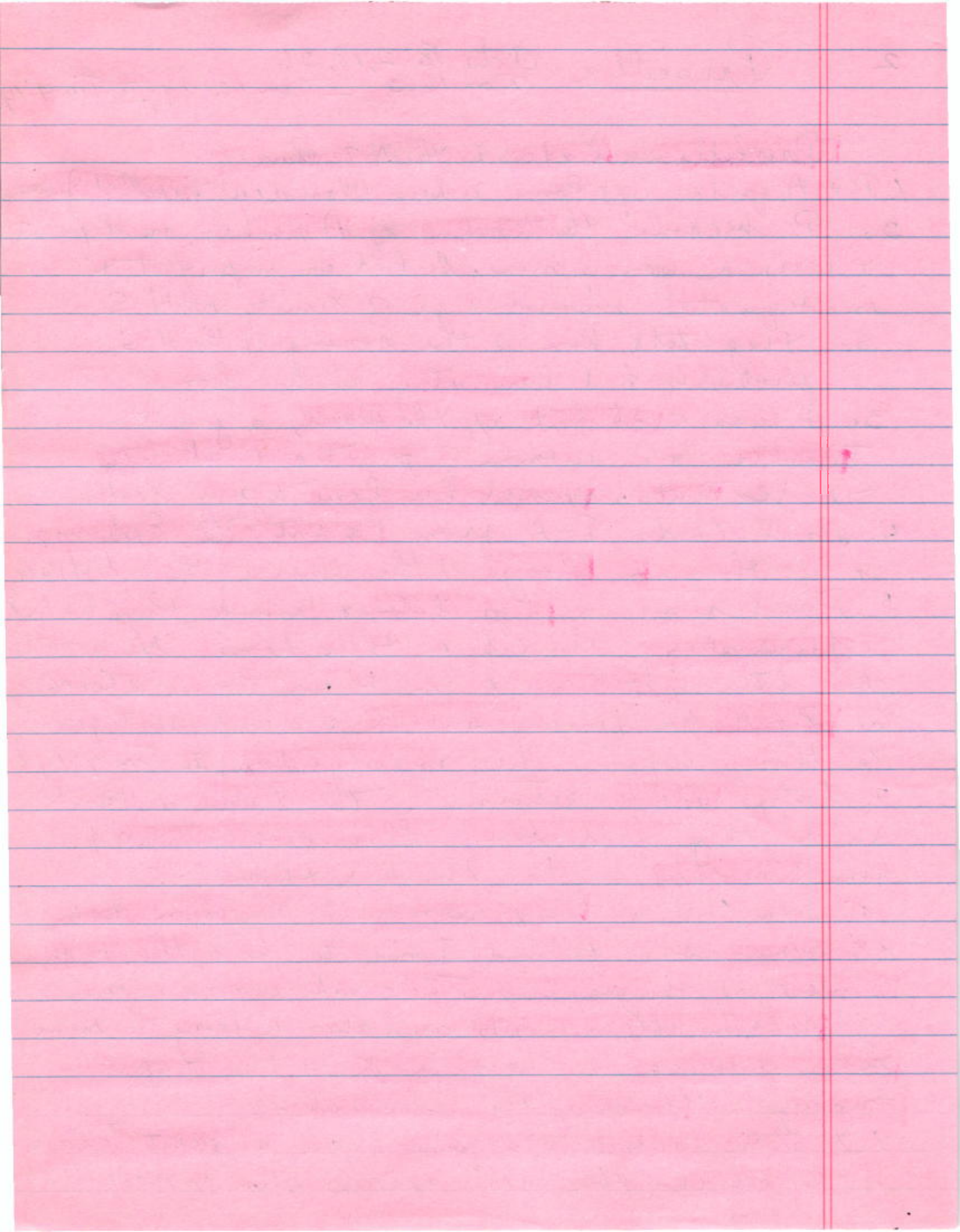
6. Lydia 1<sup>st</sup> convert - no doubt evangelized



# Priscilla Acts 18:2, 18, 26 Rom. 16:3, I Cor 16:19, II Tim 4:19

Priscilla - a leader in the N.T. church.

1. P + Aquila left Rome when Claudius expelled Jews
2. P. became the teacher of Apollos, an eloquent & learned young man. He had an imperfect & inadequate knowledge of Christianity - no H.S. So they told him of the coming of the H.S. - probably had him stay at her home
3. P was a student of the word, a great teacher & a woman of practical ability. Made tents, opened her home to new Christians
4. Paul took P + A from Corinth to Ephesus & left them in charge of the church there Acts 18:18
5. Paul returned a yr. later & found they had a flourishing church in their home. He wrote his letter of I Cor from their home I Cor 16:19
6. P + A faithfully served & Paul sent greetings to them before his martyrdom II Tim 4:19
7. Later P + A returned to Rome & Paul said they "laid down their own necks" for him Rom. 16:4 - he thanked them
8. Even tho a busy woman in her own home & business she found time to be a thorough student of the gospel of J.C. - she was a woman of scholarly attainments and also willing to make many sacrifices in the spread of the gospel - moving - leading the church.
9. History records P's fame - as a great teacher of the gospel - Her name appears often on monuments in Rome.



Priscilla was a beloved leader of God's church in ~~Corinth~~<sup>Ephesus</sup>, she led with humility + brilliance. She was not superficial doctrinally - she had the rare ability to lead with harmony in her marriage. This is true greatness in a woman.

Tradition has it that she died as a martyr for the name of the Lord, in Rome.

I have been thinking about the  
 things that I have done in the  
 past and how they have shaped  
 who I am today. It is a journey  
 that has been full of challenges  
 and triumphs. I have learned  
 so much from my experiences  
 and I am grateful for every  
 step that I have taken.