

EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

ACTS 16:16

1. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY

ACTS 16:16-17

ACTS 16:16 One day as we were going down to the place of prayer, **we met a slave girl** who had a spirit that enabled her to tell the future. **She** **earned a lot of money** for her masters by telling fortunes.

ACTS 16:17 She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, **“These men are servants of the Most High God,** and they have come to tell you how to be saved.”

2. ELIMINATE ALL DISTRACTIONS

ACTS 16:18

ACTS 16:18 This went on day
after day **until Paul got so**
exasperated that he turned and
said to the demon within her, “I
command you **in the name of Jesus**
Christ to come out of her.” And
instantly it left her.

3. STAND STRONG IN THE LORD

ACTS 16:19-21

ACTS 16:19 Her masters' hopes of **wealth were now shattered**, so they grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them **before the authorities** at the marketplace.

ACTS 16:20 “The whole city is in an uproar **because of these Jews!**” they shouted to the city officials. ²¹ “They are teaching **customs that are illegal for us Romans to practice.**”

4. SEE THE BIGGER PICTURE

ACTS 16:25-26

***ACTS 16:25* Around
midnight Paul and Silas
were praying and singing
hymns to God, and the
other prisoners were
listening.**

ACTS 16:26 Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!

