

*So the churches were being strengthened in the faith and were increasing in number daily. Acts 16:5*

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How do we develop a life that is contagious so that it trickles down to others?**

**We must be willing to open our hearts to respond to God.**

**Through prayer.**

*And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled. Acts 16:13*

**Through a sincere desire to worship God.**

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**Through repentance and a response to God's word.**

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*And when she and her household had been baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us. Acts 16:15*

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**We must be willing to acknowledge that we have an enemy.**

**Wherever God is doing a new thing in our lives Satan is doing an old thing.**

*Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. Ephesians 6:11*

*It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling. Acts 16:16*

*Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, "These men are bond-servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation." Acts 16:17*

*She continued doing this for many days. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" And it came out at that very moment. Acts 16:18*

*But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. Acts 16:19*

*The crowd rose up together against them, and the chief magistrates tore their robes off them and proceeded to order them to be beaten with rods. Acts 16:22*

**We must be willing to take a beating.**

*When they had struck them with many blows, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to guard them securely; and he, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. Acts 16:23-24*

**We have to be willing to sing when we don't feel like it.**

*But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Acts 16:25*

**When we sing praises to God it can overshadow our own self-pity.**

*But as for me, I shall sing of Your strength; yes, I shall joyfully sing of Your lovingkindness in the morning, For You have been my stronghold and a refuge in the day of my distress. Psalm 59:16*

**When we sing praises to God it can break the chains that opens the door to Him.**

*And suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. Acts 16:26*

**We have to be willing to stay put when it is easier to run.**

*When the jailer awoke and saw the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. Acts 16:27-28*

*But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!" Acts 16:29*

*And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and after he brought them out, he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:30*

**We have to be willing to allow our stories to trickle down to them.**

*They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house. Acts 16:31-32*

*And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his household. Acts 16:33*