

Team-workers - cont.

Salute Prisca and Aquila my fellow-workers in Christ Jesus, who for my life laid down their own necks; unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles: ⁵ and salute the church that is in their house”
- Romans 16:3-5 -

Seventh, we learn that Priscilla and Aquila cooperated and worked together with Paul to do the Lord's work. They were team-workers. Christians should be united and share together in the Lord's work (Philippians 4:3)

Eighth, we learn that Priscilla and Aquila sacrificed greatly for Paul and Lord's work. Christians should sacrifice themselves for the Lord's work (Philippians 2:30).

Lastly, we learn that Priscilla and Aquila were appreciated by all the brethren. Christians should have such a positive influence on other Christians that they are appreciated by all..

Local churches today need more married couples like Priscilla and Aquila. Let's have couples who are one in the Lord, one in their fellowship, one in their Bible knowledge, one in their hospitality, and one in their service to Christ. - *Chris Reeves*

- Thought of the Week -

As I look back over the day and I consider all the things that I did, how much of it was preceded by prayer? Did I think to pray first at the beginning of the day? Did I pray first or look at my phone first? How often do I do things throughout the day and then realize that I did not pray first? Did I pray first before sending that text, posting that video, responding the way I did, making that decision, or before believing what I did? This week I am going to do more praying first before thinking or acting.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Priscilla and Aquila: From Tent-makers to Team-workers

There were times in the life of the apostle Paul when he needed assistance to do the Lord's work (because one man cannot do it all) and he found that assistance with various faithful Christians along the way. One place where he found help was with a married couple named Priscilla and Aquila.

Let's see what lessons we can learn from this great Christian couple. Read the scriptures first from the book of Acts and Paul's epistles and then consider what can be learned from them.

"After these things he departed from Athens, and came to Corinth. And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, a man of Pontus by race, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome: and he came unto them"

- Acts 18:1-2 -

First, we learn that Priscilla and Aquila were faithful in times of persecution. Christians should not let negative circumstances hinder their service to Jesus nor their opportunities for good.

"and because he was of the same trade, he abode with them, and they wrought; for by their trade they were tentmakers"

- Acts 18:3 -

Second, we learn that Priscilla and Aquila worked together. Christians should be willing to work to support themselves and help others (1 Thess. 4:11-12).

And Paul, having tarried after this yet many days, took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila: having shorn his head in Cenchreae; for he had a vow. And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the

Jews

- Acts 18:18-19 -

Third, we learn that Priscilla and Aquila were trusted co-workers with Paul. Christians should always be trusted to remain behind and do the Lord's work even when others need to go on (1 Cor. 15:58).

Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by race, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the scriptures. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spake and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, knowing only the baptism of John: and he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more accurately"

- Acts 18:24-26 -

Fourth, we learn that Priscilla and Aquila knew the word of God very well and used it to teach others to be more accurate in their understanding. Christians should know their Bible and use it to teach others (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Prisca salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house

- 1 Corinthians 16:19 -

Fifth, we learn that Priscilla and Aquila were hospitable and sacrificial in allowing the brethren to meet in their home to worship the Lord. Christians should open up their home to the brethren (1 Peter 4:9). Note: This couple did this on more than one occasion and in different places. See 1 Corinthians 16:19 [at Ephesus, A.D. 54/55]; Romans 16:5 [at Rome, A.D. 57/58]; and 2 Timothy 4:19 [at Ephesus, A.D. 66/67].

Sixth, we also learn that Priscilla and Aquila wanted to greet (salute) the brethren and show care for them. Christians should have much concern for other Christians and be willing to speak to them in order to build them up (1 Corinthians 12:25).

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