

AQUILA AND PRISCILLA:
Partners in Ministry
Acts 18:1-3

Married couples can effectively minister together in the work of the Lord.

I. COMMITTED CHRISTIANS IN CORINTH - Acts 18:1-3

A. DEVOTED TO GOD

1. Their Situation
 - Recent immigrants
2. Their Banishment
 - Because Aquila was a Jew, they were forced out of Rome
3. Their Commitment
 - They are not ready to leave their Christian faith

B. GRACIOUS TO PAUL

1. Paul found them (2a)
2. They welcomed him
3. They worked together
 - Note Paul's practice at Corinth in I Cor. 9:3-18 and II Cor. 11:7

II. HELPFUL LAYMEN IN EPHEBUS - Acts 18:18-20:1

A. SUPPORTIVE - Acts 18:18-21

- Leaving Corinth to move with Paul

B. THOUGHTFUL - Acts 18:24-27

1. They hear Apollos speak (24-26a)
2. They realize Apollos' knowledge is limited (25)
3. They take Apollos aside (26)
 - They are polite and instructive
4. They recommend Apollos (27)

C. SENTIMENTAL - See I Cor. 16:19

D. HOSPITABLE - See I Cor. 16:19

E. FOUNDATIONAL - Acts 19

1. They see the gospel in action - Acts 19:8-20
2. They see the gospel opposed (9, 23-41)

F. PRACTICAL - Acts 20:1

- Knowing when to leave

III. EFFECTIVE COWORKERS IN ROME - Romans 16:3-5a

A. THEIR COMMUNITY (3)

- Back in Rome once again

B. THEIR COMRADERY (3)

- Greetings fellow workers

C. THEIR COURAGE (4)

1. Selfless: Risking their lives for Paul
2. Appreciated: By Paul and all the Gentile churches
3. Recognized: These are true heroes!

D. THEIR COOPERATION (5a)

1. A church meets in their home
2. Doing all that they can to support this work in a very practical way

CONCLUSION:

Do you want to be a praiseworthy couple?

- Don't quit!
- Married couples can effectively minister together in the work of the Lord

Note II Timothy 4:19

- Timothy is pastoring the church at Ephesus and is asked to greet Paul's dear friends
- At the end of Paul's life this couple is active in Ephesus once again

Four moves: Corinth, Ephesus, Rome and then Ephesus again

One mission: Serve Christ together!

Stay ready ... Be mobile ... Serve faithfully ... Finish well!