

**APOLLOS**  
**A Jewish Genius from Egypt**  
**- Acts 18:24-28**

**God used a Jewish genius from Egypt to do a great work in the early church**

I. **THE MAN** - Acts 18:24-28

A. EDUCATED

1. From Alexandria (24a)
2. Eloquent (24b)
3. Mighty in the Scriptures (24c)
4. Instructed in the way of the Lord (25a)

B. ENTHUSIASTIC

1. Fervent in spirit (25b)
2. Bold in speech (26a)
3. Great in vision (27a)

C. EXACT

1. Speaking and teaching accurately (25c)
2. Demonstrating by the Scriptures (28b)

D. EDIFIABLE - Willing to learn > Teachable

1. His Limitation (25d)
  - a. He knew only the baptism of John - See 19:3-4
  - b. He knew about repentance but not about faith
2. His Learning (26b)
  - He was willing to learn more and humble enough to admit that he didn't have it all down!

***SUMMARY: This Jewish genius from Egypt is an amazing and intriguing man!***

## II. HIS MISSION

### A. IN EPHEBUS (Acts 18:24)

### B. IN CORINTH

1. His Ministry - Acts 18:27-28
  - a. A great helper of the believers
  - b. A powerful refuter of the Jews
2. His Popularity - I Corinthians 3:6

### C. WITH PAUL IN EPHEBUS - I Corinthians 16:12

1. Paul wrote back to Corinth from Ephesus and Apollos appears to be with him there
2. The text indicates the Corinthians probably asked Apollos to return to Corinth
3. Apollos didn't think it was a good time to return to Corinth (because of the factions?) even though Paul urged him to return there

### D. WITH PAUL IN CORINTH BUT HEADED TO CRETE - Titus 3:13

1. Apollos appears to be with Paul when he wrote to Titus who is in Crete
2. Apollos was probably the letter carrier of the book to Titus
3. Apollos and Zenas were headed beyond Crete but it is not stated where they are going.

### E. WRITER OF HEBREWS?

- Widespread speculation for this but no biblical or historical support

### F. *SUMMARY: This Jewish genius was involved in local church ministry*

## CONCLUSION:

*Apollos, a gifted intellectual, did not disappear into some university or seminary and live the life of a theological recluse.*

**He traveled and taught as an itinerate theologian, sharing his keen mind and giftedness with God's people in various places throughout the world.**

**We may not be geniuses ...  
but we can be goers ...  
sharing God's Word wherever we are.**