

# **Marriage Words—Keys to a Strong Marriage Together**

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**Introduction:** Rarely in Scripture does one find such a vibrant example of a married couple serving the Lord together than that of Priscilla and Aquila. When it comes to their faithful service to God, their testimony is virtually impeccable. What lessons can we learn from them? In what ways can our marriages model theirs and, more importantly, glorify the Lord?

Scripture Passages: Acts 18; 1 Cor. 16:19; Romans 16:3; 2 Tim. 4:19

### **1. This married couple truly shared the grace of life.**

“Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.” (1 Peter 3:7)

Note the areas of commonality in the lives of this couple: occupation, background, religion, challenges, and goals.

Like the individual strands of a thick rope, shared experiences weave together to form strong bonds.

From a negative perspective, we need to guard the sharing of experiences with members of the opposite gender in the both the real and virtual worlds.

## **2. They were defined in terms of each other—in terms of the relationship they had.**

In each instance they were mentioned as a couple. One would be hard-pressed to define the other outside of their spousal relationship.

Married partners should seek to identify themselves with each other.

In the absence of your spouse, endeavor to make him/her the unseen presence.

## **3. Neither one of them was materialistic.**

Money and materialism—and the deeper heart issues of greed and covetousness—are poison in any marriage.

87% of marriage difficulty has something to do with finances. What does materialism create? Pressure. Indulgence. Selfishness. Sorrow. Bondage.

Successful marriages are those that reflect a spirit of contentment.

#### **4. Each of them walked with the Lord.**

The key to a Christ-centered marriage is individual submission to God's Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18).

Neither one of them carried the entire spiritual load of the relationship.

Each knew and understood the Scriptures.

“Your alone time is the key to your together time.”

#### **5. They were faithful to the house of God.**

Regardless of where they lived, their lives operated around the hub of the local church. (Corinth, Ephesus, Rome)

Unwilling to forsake assembling together, and with the strong example of their Christ-centered marriage, they provoked others unto love and good works.

#### **6. Put simply, they served God together.**

Even a very basic overview of their lives, ministry, and marriage reveals a couple involved together in discipleship opportunities, hospitality, teaching, missionary work, etc.

Mutually accountable and equally devoted, Priscilla and Aquila provide a tremendous example of how a married couple can serve the Lord happily together!