

ACTS - FROM RESURRECTION TO REVELATION

Lesson 36

Review: *Paul's assurance of God's promise to protect him in Corinth encouraged him to stay as God had "much people in this city" that he could convert and disciple. After 18 months, he departs desiring to be in Jerusalem for the Passover. He is accompanied by a special couple - Aquila and Priscilla.*

THE MATURITY THAT MAKES MINISTRY OUT OF A MARRIAGE

I. Measuring The Match Made In Heaven - Acts 18:2-3

- A) They were matched in their MONIKERS
Aquila - eagle or eagle-like
Priscilla - "little ancient" as it pertains to wisdom, not age
- B) They were matched in their MENTION
1) Always mentioned together (6x in the N.T.)
2) Each mentioned 3x first in order
- C) They were matched in their MANNER

II. The Marriage Between Their Maturity And Their Ministry

- A) Their maturity is seen in their RESILIENCE - Acts 18:2
 - * Maturity is tested by negative circumstances
 - * Maturity finds a way to press on positively
- B) Their ministry is seen in their HOSPITALITY - Acts 18:3
 - * Hospitality comes from our view of our time, energy, and resources
- C) Their maturity is seen in their AVAILABILITY - Acts 18:18
 - * They had the faith and sensitivity to discern God's leading
- D) Their ministry is seen in their FLEXIBILITY - Acts 18:19-21
- E) Their maturity is seen in their TACTFULNESS - Acts 18:24-26a
 - * The spirit of their approach promoted teachability - II Tim. 2:24-26
- F) Their ministry is seen in their DILIGENCE - Acts 18:26b-28
 - * Their thorough discipleship equipped Apollos and others - II Tim. 2:2

III. Their Maturity And Ministry Made An Eternal Difference - Rom. 16:3-5

- * Paul credits their courage for his life and the Gentile churches
- * Tradition states they were beheaded in the persecutions at Rome