



Acts: To the Ends of the Earth

Acts 18:18-28

Introduction

Having Concluded His Second Missionary Journey, Paul Returns Home

❖ Acts 18:18-23

1. Under a vow

- ❖ Numbers 6:5—*“All the days of his vow of separation, no razor shall touch his head. Until the time is completed for which he separates himself to the Lord, he shall be holy. He shall let the locks of hair of his head grow long.*
- ❖ 1 Corinthians 9:19-20—*For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews.*

2. If God Wills

- ❖ Acts 18:21 (NKJV)—*I must by all means keep this coming feast in Jerusalem;*
- ❖ Romans 11:34—*who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?*
- ❖ James 4:15—*Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills*

3. Strengthening All the Disciples

- ❖ Acts 18:11—*he stayed a year and six months, **teaching** the word of God among them*
- ❖ Ephesians 4:14—*tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.*

Priscilla, Aquilla, and Apollos

❖ Acts 18:24-28

Here in our passage we have a glorious example of two kinds of people within the body of Christ...We have on one hand we have Apollos...the brilliant, well spoken, passionate, bold, zealous, and well educated...but not yet totally sound when it comes to doctrine kind of person. And on the other hand we have Priscilla and Aquilla...the kind, patient, wise, mature, and deeply rooted couple. And in this passage we see the virtues of each kind of person as well as an example for how these two kinds of people interact with one another. Let's look first at...

1. The Apollos Type

It's ok, even good, to be intellectual like Apollos

It's good to humbly learn like Apollos



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❖ John 1:33—*he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.*

2. The Priscilla and Aquila Type

How Priscilla and Aquila DIDN'T respond.

Priscilla and Aquila took the initiative.

Priscilla and Aquila were available.

Priscilla and Aquila were able to teach.

❖ James 3:1—*Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.*

Priscilla and Aquila's simple act of faithfulness, gave to the church a mighty leader.