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Commendable Attributes of Aquila and Priscilla

Aquila and Priscilla are mentioned six-times in the Scriptures. However, it is interesting to note that Aquila and Priscilla are never mentioned in the Scriptures alone. Therefore, you really can not think of one without thinking of the other. Now, although Aquila and Priscilla are only mentioned in the Scriptures a few times, we can determine from what we do read about them that they were a couple who are worthy of imitation. So, knowing that, let's notice some commendable attributes of Aquila and Priscilla.

Aquila and Priscilla Demonstrated Teamwork.

Aquila and Priscilla were a couple who worked together in everything they did. In Acts 18:3, we learn that Aquila and Priscilla worked together as tentmakers by occupation. We also find in Acts 18:26, that they instructed Apollos together. In Romans 16:3, the apostle Paul calls them his fellow workers in Christ, and he informed in Romans 16:4, that Aquila and Priscilla risked their own necks for the sake of his life. Therefore, Aquila and Priscilla were ready to die together for the cause of Christ. So, you see, this great example of teamwork demonstrated by Aquila and Priscilla is certainly worthy of imitation today.

Aquila and Priscilla Demonstrated Hospitality.

Aquila and Priscilla were also very hospitable, and they not only opened their home to the apostle Paul (Acts 18:3), but they

also opened their home for others in the first century as a place to assemble and worship God (1 Corinthians 16:19; Romans 16:5). Now, although it can sometimes be an inconvenience to open our homes to others, let's follow the example of hospitality which was set by Aquila and Priscilla in the first century, and let's be hospitable to one another (1 Peter 4:9).

Aquila and Priscilla Demonstrated A Desire To Accurately Teach Others.

In Acts 18:24-26, we read about the desire of Aquila and Priscilla to accurately teach others the way of God. You see, it is recorded that Apollos, an eloquent man, mighty in the Scriptures, knew only about the baptism of John. So, when Aquila and Priscilla heard him speak they took him aside and taught him the way of God more accurately. Therefore, just as Aquila and Priscilla desired to accurately teach others about the way of God, may we likewise possess a desire to accurately teach others the way of God.

Aquila and Priscilla Demonstrated A True Love For Christ.

Last, but certainly not least, another commendable attribute that Aquila and Priscilla demonstrated was a true love for Christ. You see, they both traveled with Paul to spread the gospel of Christ (Acts 18:18), and as we already noted they possessed the desire to teach others the way of God more accurately (Acts 18:26), and they opened their home as a place for the early Christians to assemble together, even risking their neck for the cause of Christ (Romans 16:3-5). Therefore, without a doubt, Aquila and Priscilla showed by their actions, their true love for Christ.

Again, Aquila and Priscilla were a Christian couple who are worthy of imitation. Therefore, may all Christian couples today strive to be a people who imitate these commendable attributes of Aquila and Priscilla.

✍️ Brad Phillips

Precious Wisdom And Understanding

In Proverbs 3:13-15, Solomon states, “How blessed is the man who finds wisdom and the man who gains understanding. For her profit is better than the profit of silver and her gain better than fine gold. She is more precious than jewels and nothing you desire compares with her.”

The word “precious” means “costly.” The Bible describes wisdom and understanding as costly things. What are wisdom and knowledge? According to the original Hebrew, wisdom is “the knowledge and ability to make the right choices at the opportune time” (Strong’s). Understanding, on the other hand, means reasoning (Strong’s). These are two types of wisdom as we understand it in our English language today. These types of wisdom are what all Christians are supposed to acquire. How do you get wisdom? The Bible mentions two ways to do this.

First, we do so by fearing God and obeying Him. Psalm 111:10 states, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever.” When we fear (i.e., revere) God and do His will, we’ll grow in wisdom because we’ll see how doing His will is best. How do we know what His will is? We know His will by studying the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

We also gain wisdom through prayer. James 1:5, “But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.” Later in the letter, James wrote, “The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much” (Jas. 5:16). If we pray to God for wisdom, we’ll receive it.

Sometimes, we gain wisdom by experiencing what happens when we do wrong. We might gain wisdom through experiencing what happens when we do the right thing. Either way, we gain wisdom.

Dear reader, if you wish to increase in wisdom and understanding, why not obey what the Scripture says? Wisdom is gained by reverencing God, following God, and asking for wisdom.

✍️ *Ethan Jennings*

God’s Plan of Salvation

Hear the word of God. (Romans 10:17)

Believe in Jesus Christ. (John 8:24)

Repent of your sins. (Acts 17:30)

Confess Jesus Christ. (Romans 10:9-10)

Be baptized for the remission of sins. (Acts 2:38)

Remain faithful unto death. (Revelation 2:10)

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek” (Romans 1:16).

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Sunday Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

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