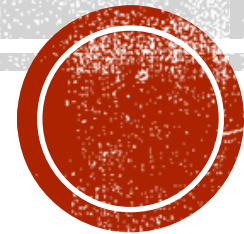


***WORKING TO BECOME COMPLETE***  
**ACTS 18:24-28**

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# WORKING KNOWLEDGE FOR CHRISTIANS

- **Acts 2:47** – Who did the Lord add to the church daily?
  - **Those who were being saved**
- **Acts 3:22** – *Moses truly said to the fathers , ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall \_\_\_\_\_.’*
  - **Hear in all things, whatever He says to you.**
- **Acts 10:34-35** – *Then Peter opened his mouth and said: In truth I perceive that God shows \_\_\_\_\_. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is \_\_\_\_\_.*
  - **No partiality; accepted by Him**



*Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. <sup>25</sup> This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. <sup>26</sup> So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. <sup>27</sup> And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace; <sup>28</sup> for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ. Acts 18:24-28*



## BACKGROUND

- Paul is beginning his third missionary journey, which is recorded at **Acts 18:23-21:16**.
- Apollos had been instructed in the way of the Lord and was a skilled and eloquent orator, who taught accurately.
- **However, his knowledge was limited – you can teach only what you know. Acts 18:25**
- He certainly had a zeal to teach, preach and witness for the Lord.



- Notice Aquila and Priscilla, **the dynamic husband and wife tandem** who met Paul in Corinth during Paul's second missionary journey. **See Acts 18:1-2**
- **They pull this young orator aside and taught him more completely, as he had only been taught the baptism of John, which presented the way of repentance.**
  - When we see our young people having zeal and/or talent, we should work with them to hone and perfect their skill(s).
- Now armed with the full panoply of the gospel and the proper direction of Christianity, Brother Apollos was destined to do even greater works.



# THREE NOTES

- **Apollos' Humility**
- **Apollos' Teachability**
- **Apollos' Continued & Improved Work**



# 1. APOLLOS' HUMILITY

- Many times when people have talent they find it difficult to humble themselves to authority of others.
  - I speak better than you.
  - The crowds love me; in fact, I draw larger audiences than you.
  - Who are you to teach me anything?

## NOTE:

- *Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16:18*
- In Proverbs 6, the first thing listed among the things that God hates is a prideful disposition. **See Proverbs 6:16-17**



## 2. APOLLOS' TEACHABILITY

- Apollos yielded to and embraced the counsel of Aquila and Priscilla.
- It made him a more complete and able evangelist.
- Before, Apollos was working with “outdated” material. With this new information, he was an even more valuable member of the team!
- John Maxwell's *21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader* -- Teachability

### NOTE:

- *Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid. Proverbs 12:1*





### 3. APOLLOS' CONTINUED AND IMPROVED WORK

- Armed with more perfect and thorough knowledge, Apollos waxed yet more fervent and eloquent.
- He used his improved knowledge to perfect his skill to do more and rise yet greater in the service of the Lord.
- How are we using our gifts and talents?
- Is the Lord getting a reasonable return on his investment in ME?

#### NOTE:

*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, **always abounding in the work of the Lord**, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. I Corinthians 15:58*



# LORD'S INVITATION EXTENDED TO ALL

- **Be added to the Lord's body**
  - Hear the gospel (Acts 15:7)**
  - Believe the gospel (Acts 8:37, 15:7; )**
  - Repent of sins (Acts 2:38)**
  - Confess Christ (Acts 8:37)**
  - Be baptized for the remission of sin (Acts 2:38).**



# LORD'S INVITATION (CONT'D)

- Be reconciled unto the Lord (**I John 1:8-9**); or
- Desire prayer. (**James 5:16**).

