

Aquila And Priscilla

If Ahab and Jezebel are the worst couple ever mentioned the scriptures, then Aquila and Priscilla are perhaps the best. There are not many couples per se mentioned in the Bible, but Bible students are blessed by the example of Aquila and Priscilla. Familiarity with this godly couple will greatly encourage the Christian couple today as they strive to obtain that "incorruptible crown." Let us take notice of three great attributes of Aquila and Priscilla.

First, they were in harmony. Aquila and Priscilla are mentioned in six different verses of the Bible and always together (Acts 18:2-3, 18, 26, Romans 16:3-5, 1 Corinthians 16:19, 2 Corinthians 4:19). They evidently took the idea of being "*one flesh*" seriously, and worked together (Genesis 2:24). It is interesting however that Priscilla, called Prisca by Paul, is mentioned first four out of six times. Perhaps she was the more outgoing or dominant of the two. There are couples who work in God's kingdom well together.

Second, they were hospitable. Acts 18:2-3 says, "*And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.*" So they had housed Paul. Acts 18:26 says that they had extended the same courtesy to Apollos. The scriptures command Christians to be hospitable and Aquila and Priscilla fully obeyed that command (Romans 12:13).

Third, they were helpful. Paul described them as his "*helpers in Christ Jesus.*" Furthermore, they instructed Apollos. Acts 18:24-26 says, "*And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.*" Finally, Romans 16:5 and 1 Corinthians 16:19 indicates that they helped the church to grow by allowing it to meet in their home. They were great assets to the church because of their help.

A greater couple could not be found. May the good Lord of heaven help us to be as harmonious, hospitable, and helpful as they. The kingdom of heaven and our homes will be exceedingly blessed.

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