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## Persevering in Gospel Ministry

Acts 18:1-8

### I. Paul's Co-workers in Corinth (vv. 1-2)

A. Corinth was an \_\_\_\_\_ city (v. 1)  
[1 Cor. 2:3; 1 Thes. 3:7; Acts 16:22-24; 2 Cor. 5:17-21]

B. Aquila and Pricilla were an \_\_\_\_\_ team (v. 2)  
[Acts 18:18, 26; Rom. 16:3; 1 Cor. 16:19; 2 Tim. 4:19]

1. They enjoyed a \_\_\_\_\_ marriage

2. They had a \_\_\_\_\_ influence

3. They were \_\_\_\_\_ mobile

4. They had \_\_\_\_\_ passion

5. They were \_\_\_\_\_ hospitable

### II. Paul's Bi-vocational Ministry (vv. 3-4)

A. \_\_\_\_\_ working with his hands (v. 3)  
[Acts 20:34; 1 Cor. 4:12; 1 Thes. 2:9; 2 Thes. 3:7-9; 1 Cor. 9:7-14; Gal. 6:6]

B. \_\_\_\_\_ minded with his speech (v. 4)  
[Acts 9:20; 13:5, 14: 14:1; 17:2, 10, 17; 18:19; 19:8; 2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Cor. 2:1-5; Col. 1:28-29]

### III. Paul's Full-Time Ministry (vv. 5-8)

A. Extra help \_\_\_\_\_ Paul to be completely devoted to the Word (v. 5)  
[Lk. 24:27; Jn. 5:39-40; Acts 9:3-5; Acts 2:36; 3:18, 20; 17:3; 18:28]

B. Opposition \_\_\_\_\_ a judgment and a change of direction (v. 6)  
[Matt. 12:31-32; Lk. 22:64-65; 9:5; Acts 13:51; Ezek. 3:17-19; 33:1-9; Josh. 2:19; Acts 20:26-27; Matt. 27:24-25; Acts 13:46]

C. Faithfulness in \_\_\_\_\_ led to conversions (vv. 7-8)  
[Acts 16:14; Acts 10:2; Rom. 16:23; 1 Cor. 1:14, 27-31]

### TAKE HOME

- How do you ***persevere*** in gospel ministry in the midst of an immoral culture?
- How are you being a ***witness*** for Christ both in your work and with your words?
- When you are ***reviled*** for sharing the gospel how do you respond?

## **STUDY QUESTIONS**

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at [placiritachurch.com](http://placiritachurch.com).

1. Read Acts 18:1. What did you learn about Corinth in this verse? How is their culture similar and different than our culture today? (1 Cor. 2:3; 1 Thes. 3:7; Acts 16:22-24; 2 Cor. 5:17-21)

2. Read Acts 18:2. What are your thoughts about Aquila and Priscilla? What can we learn about the observations that we made of this couple? (Acts 18:18, 26; Rom. 16:3; 1 Cor. 16:19; 2 Tim. 4:19)

3. Read Acts 18:3. What is the value of Paul working with his hands? Is it wrong for a pastor to be paid? Why didn’t Paul want to be paid? (Acts 20:34; 1 Cor. 4:12; 1 Thes. 2:9; 2 Thes. 3:7-9; 1 Cor. 9:7-14; Gal. 6:6)

4. Read Acts 18:4. Even though Paul was busy at work how did he spend his weekends and his free time? What can you learn from this? (Acts 9:20; 13:5, 14: 14:1; 17:2, 10, 17; 18:19; 19:8; 2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Cor. 2:1-5; Col. 1:28-29)

5. Read Acts 18:5. What happened to Paul’s ministry when Silas and Timothy arrived? How does this show the encouragement and efficiency of a mission team? (Lk. 24:27; Jn. 5:39-40; Acts 9:3-5; Acts 2:36; 3:18, 20; 17:3; 18:28)

6. Read Acts 18:6. Why did Paul shake out his garments? What does this signify? What does the rest of the verse mean about “Your blood being on your own heads?” (Matt. 12:31-32; Lk. 22:64-65; 9:5; Acts 13:51; Ezek. 3:17-19; 33:1-9; Josh. 2:19; Acts 20:26-27; Matt. 27:24-25; Acts 13:46)

7. Read Acts 18:7-8. Who are these two men who believed and were baptized? What does this teach us about the importance of persevering in gospel ministry? (Acts 16:14; Acts 10:2; Rom. 16:23; 1 Cor. 1:14, 27-31)

8. Read the take home questions. Which one challenged you or encouraged you the most? Why? How will you live your life differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

“Whenever God is blessing a ministry, you can expect increased opposition as well as increased opportunities.”

- Warren Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*