

Women in the
Bible:
Priscilla
and me

“Your word is lamp
for my feet and a
light for my path.”

Psalms 119:105

**Diligence and
Dedication**



Key Scripture: Acts 18:2, 18, 26; Romans 16:3; 1 Corinthians 16:19; 2 Timothy 4:19

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Introduction

Priscilla was the wife of Aquila, a Jew from Pontus, who moved to Rome. They were both God seeking people eager to express their love for Him and other people. Their names are always mentioned together because they were inseparable in their marital unity, serving God, family business, friendship with Paul, sharing Scripture and church ministry.



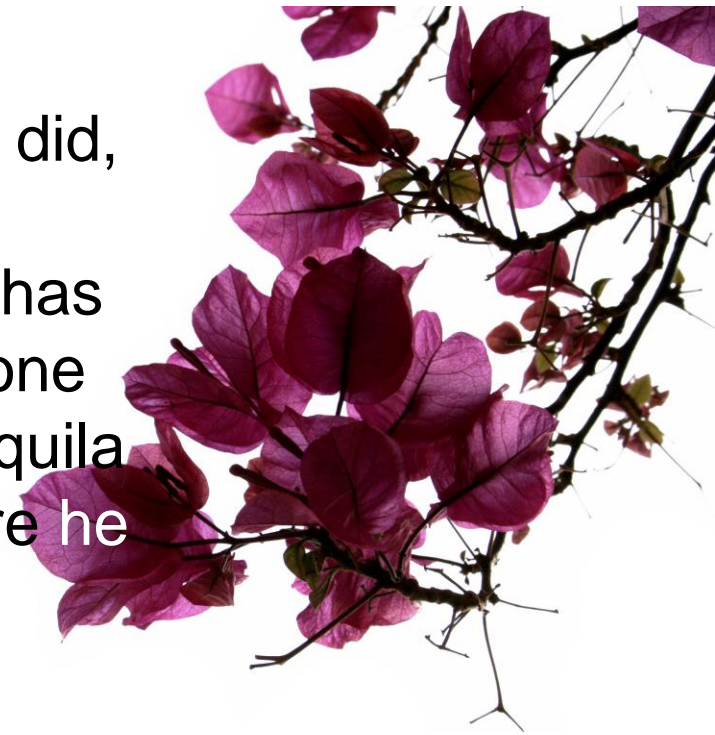
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Diligent and dedicated in everything she did, Priscilla was worthy of her name. The diminutive of Prisca, (2 Timothy 4:19), it has the meaning of “ancient“, “worthy“, “bygone simplicity“ or “longevity“. Her husband Aquila must have been aware of the rare treasure he got in her.

Faithful in misfortunes, confident in struggles, persistent in troubles, content in losses, unselfish in giving and supporting she became an example worthy to follow not only for the women of her time but also of today.



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Discover

- Her Missionary Role in the Early Church
- Her Unique Gift of Hospitality
- Her Confidence in God in Diverse Circumstances



Going Deeper

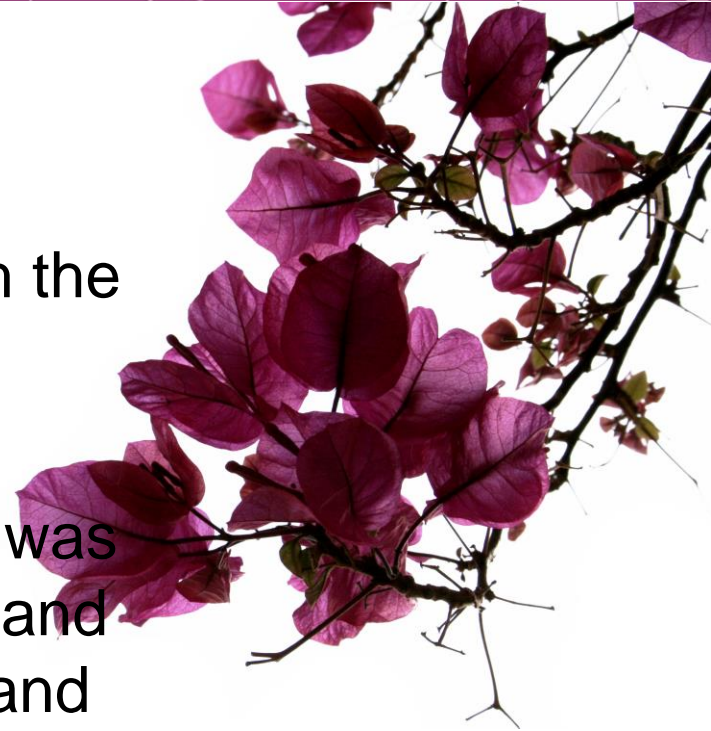
1. Why did Priscilla and her husband have to move from Rome to Corinth? (Acts 18:2)
2. How did Priscilla get to know the Apostle Paul and what did they have in common? (Acts 18:1-3)



Going Deeper

3. Where did her first missionary trip with the Apostle Paul take her? (Acts 18:18, 19)

- Note: Most probably, Priscilla`s home was childless. But that did not prevent her and her husband to find joy in each other and their teamwork, both in business and church ministry.



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4. What did she do there, together with her husband Aquila? What was their first missionary activity? (Acts 18:24-26)

5. What did Priscilla and Aquila do upon their return to Rome? (Romans 16:3-5)

6. How does Apostol Paul describe them in his letters to the early Christian church in Rome and why? (Romans 16:3-5)



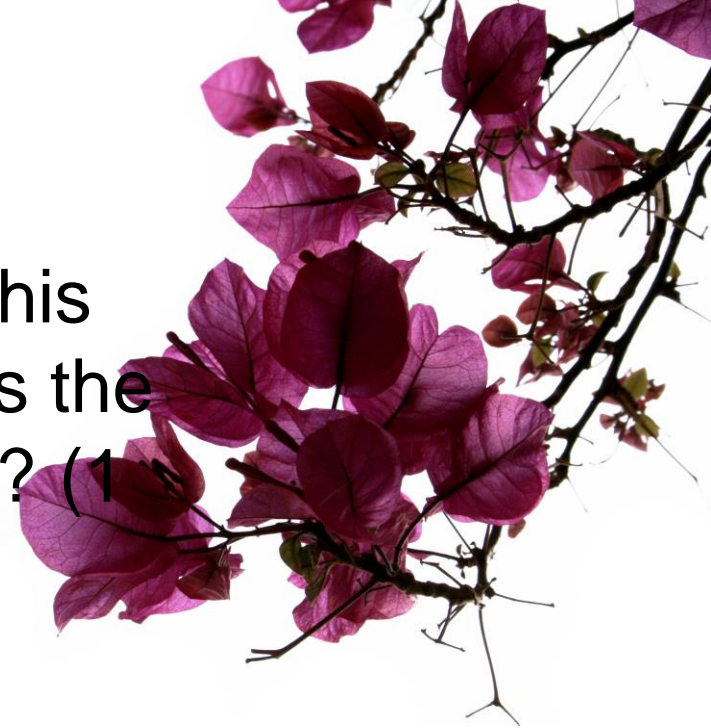
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7. Greeting Aquila and Priscilla, in his first letter to Corinthians, what does the Apostle Paul say about their home? (1 Corinthians 16:19)

8. Did Priscilla and her husband Aquila have a home church after returning to Ephesus? Where did they stay? (2 Timothy 4:19)





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Words for Today

9. How can you experience togetherness, a deeper intimacy, a true “two-getherness” with your spouse in home, church and society activities just as Priscilla and Aquila did?

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10. How can you become more diligent and dedicated in everything you do in your everyday life showing that you always want to glorify God?

11. How can you trust God and His providence more profoundly in all diverse circumstances? Explain.

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Questions for Discussion

1. What kind of contribution can diligent and dedicated women give to their families, churches and communities today?

2. Why do you think Priscilla's name is mentioned first in three out of six Bible references? Was she of nobler origin, stronger intellect, more energy, more impressive character or first to believe in Christ? Explain.



Words of Wisdom

We all want to be the sincere followers of Christ, His true disciples and servants. We want to help others to achieve the same. Sometimes the simple acts of kindness and friendship can do much more than some grandiose plans and projects. Opening our homes for visitors and our ears and hearts for their needs can place them on the path of discipleship more effectively than we suppose. They can find truth and salvation in Jesus Christ and we can become the true “fellow workers in Christ Jesus” (Rom.16:3) just as Priscilla and Aquila did.

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My Prayer for Today

Lord, help me to trust You, Your wisdom and Your guidance in all circumstances. Make me so persistent and dedicated that Your plans for my life could be fulfilled. Help me to live to Your glory.





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SHARING

Priscilla was a successful tentmaker, Bible worker and travelling missionary. She found her place in teamwork with her husband without losing her identity, individuality and uniqueness. How can that help us find our place and role in God`s mission and fulfill them with grace and joy?

May her life and personality impress us to be encouraged and to encourage other women to follow her exceptional example.