



Priscilla – A Leader Worthy of Respect

Lesson 8

Priscilla was a strong-minded, hardworking woman, loyal to her husband and a trusted friend and co-laborer in the ministry with the Apostle Paul. To this day she stands as an inspiration to us and we can clearly see that she is a woman who is worthy of respect by all who know her life story. Both she and her husband, Aquila, worked as tent-makers along with Paul. They opened their home, were well-versed in the truth, travelled with Paul, and even risked their lives to help the apostle. The one characteristic that most defines Priscilla is her hardworking mentality. There seems to be nothing she won't do for the Lord. She exemplifies hospitality, kindness, hard work and leadership wherever God places her. Let's follow her example and use the gifts God has given us so we too can be respected for making a difference.

Open your Bible and begin with a word of prayer

This Week's Scripture: Acts 18:24-26(NLT)

²⁴Meanwhile, a Jew named Apollos, an eloquent speaker who knew the Scriptures well, had arrived in Ephesus from Alexandria in Egypt. ²⁵He had been taught the way of the Lord, and he taught others about Jesus with an enthusiastic spirit and with accuracy. However, he knew only about John's baptism. ²⁶When Priscilla and Aquila heard him preaching boldly in the synagogue, they took him aside and explained the way of God even more accurately.

This Week's Memory Verse:

**For those who exalt themselves will be humbled,
and those who humble themselves will be exalted.**

Luke 14:11(NLT)

1. In Luke 14:8-11 Jesus tells us about humility, which often times leads to respect from others. Read this passage of scripture and in your own words write what Jesus telling you. _____

2. In the scriptures we have a picture of Priscilla, wife of a tentmaker, who desires to serve the Lord. Priscilla and her husband spent a lot of time traveling and serving with Paul on many of his mission trips. What do the following verses tell us about serving?

a. Mark 10:42-43: _____

b. Mark 10:44: _____

c. Mark 10:45: _____

3. Humility causes the believer to serve, and serving others leads to respect. They are all connected in the body of Christ. This is how many grew to respect Priscilla, despite the fact that women gained little respect back then. In a time when a woman teaching a man was unheard of, she helped train up the great evangelist Apollo! Read Galatians 3:28-29 (NLT if available) and ask yourself if there is anything holding you back from serving God in whatever capacity He wants? _____

Reflect and Respond – It is said that respect must be earned not demanded. But what if you were greatly respected? Is this of your own doing or is it the working of the Holy Spirit in your life? In speaking of the diversity of gifts in the life of the believer, 1 Corinthians 12 tells us in verse 11; “But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.” This tells us that everything good thing that the believer does is a direct product of the Holy Spirit in our lives. How does this truth shape your attitude in regard to gaining respect from others? _____

Result – Consider today’s bible study lecture. What one lesson will you take away from this study and apply to your walk with the Lord? _____
