

Acts 18:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

Apollos 'began to speak boldly in the synagogue' but Aquila and Priscilla 'took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.' Private correction preserved Apollos's reputation while improving his understanding. Humble teaching and humble receiving characterized this encounter.

Historical Context

Priscilla is mentioned first, suggesting her prominent role. Their gentle correction illustrates mature discipleship - receiving great giftedness while addressing incomplete knowledge.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does private, gentle correction model mature discipleship?
2. What does Apollos's teachability despite his eloquence teach about humility?

Interlinear Text

οὗτός	τε	ἤρξατο	παρρησιάζεσθαι	ἐν	τῇ	συναγωγῇ
he	And	began	to speak boldly	in	G3588	the synagogue
G3778	G5037	G756	G3955	G1722		G4864
ἀκούσαντες	δὲ	αὐτῷ	Ἀκύλας	καὶ	Πρίσκιλλα	
had heard	when	him	Aquila	and	Priscilla	
G191	G1161	G846	G207	G2532	G4252	
προσελάβοντο	αὐτῷ	καὶ	ἀκριβέστερον	αὐτῷ	ἐξέθεντο	
they took	him	and	G199	him	expounded	
G4355	G846	G2532		G846	G1620	
τὴν	τοῦ	θεοῦ	ὁδὸν			
G3588	G3588	of God	the way			
		G2316	G3598			

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 6:1 (References God): Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

Acts 14:3 (Parallel theme): Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

Acts 18:25 (Parallel theme): 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.

2 Peter 3:18 (Parallel theme): But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 12:21 (Parallel theme): And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

