

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 παρόρησιάζεσθαι ἐν τῇ συναγωγῇ
he And began to speak boldly in the synagogue
G3778 G5037 G756 G3955 G1722 G3588 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 him expounded
G4355 G846 G2532 G199 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.

