

Paul's 2nd Journey



Acts 18:19-21

Paul's 3rd Journey



Acts 19

Acts 20:17-38

Outbound
Return

Lessons from Apollos

Acts 18:24-28

Apollos

- A Jew from Alexandria
- Eloquent and educated
- Skilled in Scriptures
- Courageous and passionate



Pharos of Alexandria

Apollos in Ephesus

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- His teaching was accurate but “outdated”
 - Taught facts about Jesus correctly
 - Acquainted only with John’s baptism (Luke 3:3, 15-16)
 - Limited knowledge of the Holy Spirit (Acts 19:1-2, cf. Acts 2:38)
 - Limited knowledge of baptism in Jesus’ name (Acts 19:3-5, cf. Matthew 28:18-20)

Apollos in Ephesus

- How do we receive constructive criticism?
 - An opportunity to grow in abilities and character?
 - An opportunity to built on where we are?
 - An opportunity to evaluate self honestly?
 - We need Apollos' humility and maturity!

Apollos in Ephesus

- How do we give constructive criticism?
 - Appreciate the positive
 - Consider the best setting
 - Approach to reason and persuade
 - We need Priscilla and Aquilla's humility and wisdom!

Apollos in Corinth

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- Deteriorating situation after Apollos
 - Division over preachers (1 Corinthians 1:11-12)
 - Elevating Apollos over Paul (1 Cor. 3:3-4, 22, 4:6)
 - No jealousy between Apollos or Paul! (1 Cor. 3:5-7)

Apollos in Corinth

- How do we respond to strengths and weaknesses?
 - Some abilities more “honorable” than others (2 Corinthians 10:10, 11:16)
 - We are merely servants of God’s work (1 Cor. 3:5-7)
 - We are one in the Lord (1 Cor. 3:8, 12:12-13, 24-25)
 - Our focus must be on Christ (Acts 18:28)

Lessons from Apollos

- Use your abilities to serve well.
- Grow from correction.
- Give correction wisely.
- Honor all abilities small or great.
- Focus on Christ.