

INVEST in the WORK - Part 1

KEY TEXT: Rom. 16:3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:

That word “*helper*” is a unique word in scripture....

- Many times, it’s used in the context of “**the Lord being OUR HELPER...**”
 - **Psalm 30:10, Psalm 54:4, Hebrews 13:6**
 - A “helper” is one who AIDS another, one who HELPS another accomplish something
- **KEY:** God’s ORIGINAL design for marriage is that a WIFE one would _____ her HUSBAND accomplish God’s _____!
 - The MISSION: Gen. 1:28
 - The help MEET: Gen. 2:18, 20
- Paul - (preacher/apostle/teacher) - 1 Tim. 2:7, 2 Tim. 1:11
- **KEY PICTURE:** The APOSTLE PAUL is a TYPE/PICTURE of _____
 - Christ - (preacher/apostle/teacher) - Matt. 4:17, Heb. 3:1, John 3:2
- **KEY PICTURE:** Aquila & Priscilla are a TYPE/PICTURE of the _____
 - *And as such, they are the “helpers” of Paul!*

How was Aquila & Priscilla’s MARRIAGE a “HELP” to Paul?

(And how are our marriages to be a “HELP” to Christ?)

1. INVEST your MARRIAGE by enduring _____ - Acts 18:2

- _____ **HARDSHIPS** - 2 Cor. 6:4-5
- _____ **HARDSHIPS** - Ananias & Sapphira - Acts 5:1-5, Acts 5:6-11
- **KEY QUESTION:** What HARDSHIP is God using in your MARRIAGE to make you a more effective _____?
- **INVESTMENT PRINCIPLE:** My marriage HELPS Christ when it is able to _____ hardness.

2. INVEST your MARRIAGE by _____ - Acts 18:1-3, 9-11

- **KEY:** Aquila and Priscilla's marriage was MATURED through a connection to a _____!
- **KEY QUESTION:** Am I MATURING (myself) to become a HELP to my _____?
 - Eph 4:14-15, 1 Pet. 2:2
- **KEY QUESTION:** Is my _____ MATURING to become a HELPER in the MISSION?

"My happiness isn't what motivates God on a daily basis, but the MISSION does...and so it's obvious that also shouldn't be the motivation for my EXISTENCE...or my MARRIAGE!"

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- **INVESTMENT PRINCIPLE:** My marriage HELPS Christ when it is committed to _____ for the MINISTRY

3. INVEST your MARRIAGE by engaging in the _____ - Acts 18:18

- **KEY:** Their 1st relocation was b/c of _____... their 2nd relocation was b/c of _____!!!
 - Departed from Rome - Acts 18:2
 - Moved to Corinth - Acts 18:11
 - Moved to Ephesus with Paul -= Acts 18:17-19
 - Moved back to Rome by the time the book of Romans arrives - Rom. 16:3-4
 - Moved back to Ephesus by the time 2 Tim is written - 2 Tim. 4:19
- **Married people are WILLING to MOVE for lesser things...**
 - We will move for a JOB...
 - We will move for a HOUSE...but not just any house...a house with a POOL...
 - Or a HOUSE with a VIEW...
 - We'll move for GOOD SCHOOL, and LOW CRIME....
 - But would we MOVE for the MISSION???
- **KEY QUESTION:** _____ is my MARRIAGE willing to ____ for the MISSION???
- **KEY QUESTION:** _____ are you willing to _____ for the MISSION???
- **INVESTMENT PRINCIPLE:** My marriage HELPS Christ by surrendering to _____!