"How To Be An Effective Missionary"

Mission Bible Study

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Acts 18:24-28

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- 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. For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.
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Acts 18:24-28 (CONTINUED)

And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace:

For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

LESSON # 1: Ministering To Others Is More Than Just Reciting What You Heard, It Takes Having A Personal Relationship With Christ

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LESSON #1 (continued)

- □ Apollos only taught what he heard John the Baptist teach...*repentance*
- Apollos failed to teach about accepting Christ because he didn't know Christ for himself (*Jesus' life, crucifixion, and resurrection*)
- ☐ Apollos also failed to mention the coming of the Holy Spirit

LESSON # 2: Allow God To Use Your Strength For Ministering

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LESSON #2 (continued)

- □ Apollos possessed gifts of being a great debater, scholar, and orator
- ☐ Despite our gifts, if we do not a relationship with Christ, our gifts will ineffective.

LESSON # 3: Accept Help From Others In Allowing Yourself To Grow Spiritually and To Effectively Minister To Others

- ☐ If Apollos allowed his pride get in the way when Aquila and Priscilla approached him for reprove, his ministry would have been ineffective.
- ☐ By Apollos being openminded for criticism,