

**Priscilla and Aquila**  
**Marriage principles**  
**(Acts 18; 1 Cor. 16:19; Romans 16:3; 2 Tim. 4:19)**

**1. They were a couple who truly shared the grace of life together.**

See 1 Peter 3:7

Note the areas of commonality in the lives of this couple:

Occupation—tentmakers

Heritage/background--Jews

This is not to say that a common background is essential for marital success, only that it provides additional “glue.”

Challenges—persecution before Rome, in Rome, and after Rome

Passion/goals—teaching of Apollos, church in their house, ministry mindset

Shared experiences provide immediate connectedness.

From a negative perspective, we need to guard the sharing of experiences with members of the opposite gender in the both the real and virtual worlds.

**2. They are defined in terms of each other—in terms of the relationship they have.**

In each instance they are mentioned as a team. One would be hard-pressed to define the other outside of their spousal relationship.

Married partners should seek to identify themselves with each other.

In the absence of your spouse, endeavor to make him/her the unseen presence.

**3. Neither one of them is materialistic.**

Money and materialism—or greed and covetousness—are poison in any marriage.

87% of marriage difficulty has something to do with finances.

What does materialism create?

Pressure, indulgence, etc. See 1 Timothy 6—it is generally a lack of contentment with one's station or one's stuff.

**4. They each walked with the Lord.**

The key to a Christ-centered marriage is individual submission to God's Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18).

Neither one of them carried the spiritual load of the relationship.

Each knew and understood the Scriptures.

"Your alone time is the key to your together time."

**5. They were faithful to the house of God.**

Corinth—church

Ephesus—synagogue, church (1 Cor. 16:19)

Rome—church

Proactive counseling, ministry mindedness, fellowship, provoking to love and good works

**6. They served God together.**

Missions trips

Discipleship opportunities

Hospitality—in their home