

# How to Measure Your Importance

➤ **Being Important: Having a major \_\_\_\_\_.**

The measure of importance is not what we see in our own EYES but what we see in the LIVES of others.

➤ **Aquila and Priscilla – Who were they? And how were they significant?**

Acts 18:1-11 — *After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.... v. 11 So Paul stayed for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.*

Acts 18:18-19 — *Paul stayed on in Corinth for some time. Then he left the brothers and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila....(19) They arrived at Ephesus, where Paul left Priscilla and Aquila....*

**1. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ them and entrusted them with ministry to a fledgling church**

1 Corinthians 16:19 — *The churches in the province of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house. [Written from Ephesus.]*

Acts 18:24-28 — *Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.*

*When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. On arriving, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed. For he vigorously refuted the Jews in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.*

2 Timothy 2:2 — *And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.*

**2. They mentored \_\_\_\_\_ - Apollos, the Church at Ephesus**

Romans 16:3, 4, 5a — *Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus. They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them. Greet also the church that meets at their house.*

**3. They were \_\_\_\_\_ - In Paul's life, Apollo's life, 2 churches' lives, Our lives**

Priscilla & Aquila put \_\_\_\_\_ before \_\_\_\_\_

1 Thessalonians 2:11 - 13, 19,20 — *For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory. And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God,*

*which is at work in you who believe. For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus, when He comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy.*

➤ **Our Challenge:**

\_\_\_\_\_ and be important in other's lives OR be \_\_\_\_\_ so you can mentor others.

➤ **Couple Sharing**

1. Complete the following sentence as best you can – without consulting with your mate.

- 1) My greatest fear in becoming Couple to Couple Mentors is ...
- 2) Share with each other

2. **Our “Marriage Mentors:**

Take a few moments with your mate to brainstorm names, and then list those couples (or individuals) below who have had a significant influence on your marriage (parents, relatives, friends, ministers, counselors, teachers, colleagues or others). Next to their names write a single phrase or two that captures how they have positively influenced your marriage:

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What can you learn about marriage mentoring from the informal mentoring relationships you and other couples have enjoyed? What did these people do for you specifically that you'd like to do for others?

3. As a couple select two or more of the following to read and discuss:

- Eli & Samuel (1 Samuel 1-3)
- Elijah & Elisha (1 Kings 19:19-21)
- Moses & Joshua (Deut. 31; Joshua 1)
- Naomi & Ruth (Ruth 1)
- Paul & Timothy (Acts 16:1-5; 1 Tim. 4; 6:11-12)

After reading, identify what qualities made the mentoring successful.