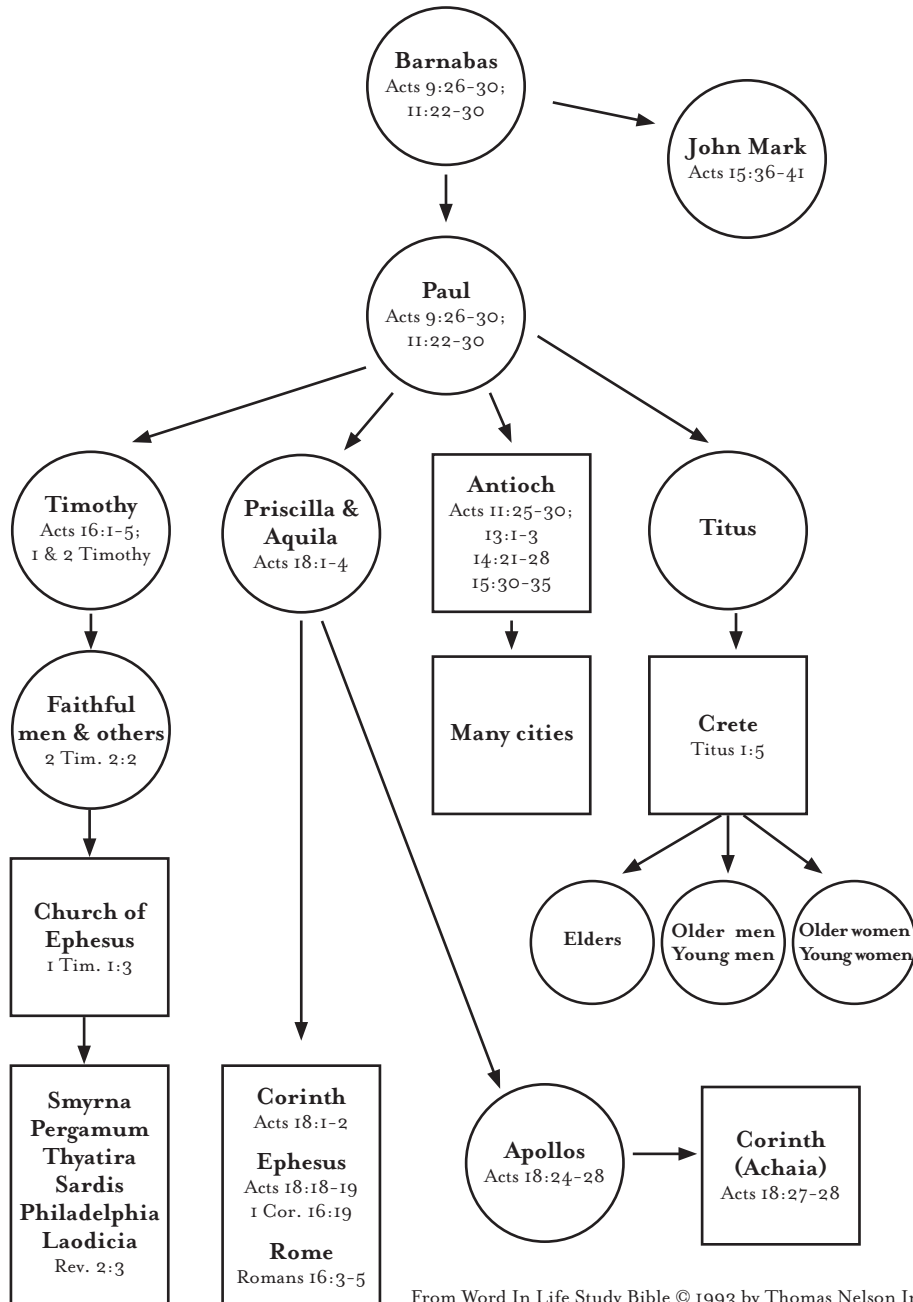


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Acts 18
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Acts 18: 18-28

Doing life together _____ your capacity to
 _____ others.

Acts 18:1-3 NIV

As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend. {Proverbs 27:17 NLT}

Paul stayed on in Corinth for some time. Then he left the brothers and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila... {Acts 18:18a NIV}

Mark 3:14 Msg

Those we influence must be _____ to influence others.

They arrived at Ephesus, where Paul left Priscilla and Aquila. He himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. {Acts 18:19 NIV}

When Priscilla and Aquila heard him preaching boldly in the synagogue, they took him aside and explained the way of God even more accurately. {Acts 18:26 NLT}

2 Kings 2:9 Msg, John 14:12 Msg

Our influence is _____ when others are _____.

You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others. {2 Timothy 2:2 NLT}

1 Corinthians 16:19 NIV, 1 Corinthians 3:5-6 Msg

CLG Notes

Refer back to your notes from Sunday as you work through this CLG material.



Although relationships can begin incidentally, to have a lasting influence they must be nurtured intentionally. This is at the heart of discipleship.

Paul saw something in Aquila and Priscilla that warranted the investment of his time, person, and life.

What are those qualities we should look for in others that would make them suitable candidates to do life with? Consider Paul's criteria in 2 Tim. 1:3-6, 13-14.



Balanced spiritual growth rests upon two facts:

1. We must receive from God through others in order to grow; and
2. We must reciprocate to others what we ourselves have received from God.

This is seen clearly in the manner in which Aquila and Priscilla were able to help Apollos to deepen his understanding "of the way of God" (Acts 18:26), as they themselves would have been helped by Paul.

Describe the kind of disposition or attitude needed to be able to receive from others as well as reciprocate back to others what we have been given. Consider Matt. 10:1, 5-16 (espec. v.8) & 2 Tim. 2:2.



A missional approach to serving others can be as simple as showing genuine hospitality. Clearly this is something that Aquila and Priscilla did well (Acts 18:4, 26, 1 Corin.16:19). They understood the value of using their home to advance God's mission.

How can Christ-followers move beyond the perspective that their homes are a private fortress and personal retreat from the world?

How can we start to use our homes to advance the Gospel and to assist others who are committed to sharing the Gospel?