

APOLLOS: AN IDEAL DISCIPLE

1. Text: Acts 18:24-28
2. We look now at one of the outstanding Christians of the first century. Not much is given concerning him (name 10 times in New Testament) but he obviously was an example for others. And us.

I. **The Talented Disciple**

1. Many have talents but never use them; he did.
2. From Alexandria. Lighthouses and pharology
3. Was eloquent; educated in the Scriptures, instructed in the way of the Lord; enthusiastic or fervent in Spirit so that he taught accurately the things of the Lord.
4. But he was in error.
5. Apply:

II. **The Teachable Disciple**

1. He knew only John's baptism.
2. Aquila and Priscilla heard him speak and "took him aside" which equals "receive into one's society or home or circle of acquaintances." The church was meeting in their home in 1 Corinthians 16:19.
3. They taught him "more accurately" the way of God. (Verse 26)
4. Apollos was humble and flexible enough to be corrected.
5. Was he baptized in the name of Christ? Why wouldn't he be? See Acts 19:1-7

III. **The Contributing Disciple**

1. Apollos moves on to Achaia and Corinth (Verse 27)
2. The brethren encourage this and send a letter with him. Letters today?
3. He greatly benefitted, contributed to, helped the brethren.
4. Still enthusiastic; used Scriptures; refuted Jews and proved Jesus was the Christ.

IV. **The Controversial But Innocent Disciple**

1. In Corinth, factions arose by brethren picking their favorites: I am of Paul; I am of Apollos (I Corinthians 1:12; 3:4)
2. There is absolutely no indication Apollos approved this.

V. **The Cooperative Disciple**

1. "I Planted, Apollos watered, God gave the increase" (I Corinthians 3:6)
2. "Who are we but ministers through whom you believed?" (3:5)
3. Apply:

VI. **The Reluctant Disciple**

1. I Corinthians 16:12 has Paul saying he urged brother Apollos to come to them but he did not choose to and would at a more convenient time.
2. Paul's authority and expediency:
3. Why not? Could he want to avoid causing more division and strife in the church?

VII. **The Trusted Disciple**

1. Titus 3:13 has Paul requesting Titus to send on this way Apollos. This word means support with supplies, funds, whatever needed. Should do earnestly with haste.
2. Paul could have sent letter by him. Gives full trust to Apollos in his efforts.

Conclusion:

