



WISDOM AND MATURITY

MOVING FELLOW CHRISTIANS FORWARD

ACTS 18:23-28

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1. Know _____

(vv.23, 27-28)

(v.23) A.

(v.27b) B.

(v.27a) C.

(vv.27c-28) D.

2. Carefully _____

(vv.24-26)

(vv.24-25a) A.

(vv.25b-26a) B.

(v.26b) C.

Acts 18:23 After spending some time there, he departed and went from one place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples. **24** Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. **25** He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. **26** He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. **27** And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, **28** for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus. (ESV)



Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Acts 14:21-22** and **1 Thessalonians 4:18**. Describe a situation when a fellow Christian delivered a pertinent, well-timed biblical truth to you that bolstered your strength and faith to keep strongly following Christ.
2. Read **Romans 15:4** and **Ephesians 6:17**. Why is the Bible a central and indispensable means to keep your heart and mind fueled and protected to live for Christ in this fallen world?
3. Read **Proverbs 15:23; 25:11** and **Isaiah 50:4**. This week, how can you specifically strategize to use the heartening and helpful truths of God's words to lift up and help other Christians along in the Christian life?
4. Read **1 Thessalonians 5:11** and **Colossians 3:16**. Why do you think some Christians seek a kind of "encouragement" from particular kinds of churches that is not anchored in the truth and wisdom of God's word? Describe a kind of artificial "encouragement," which is ultimately damaging for professing Christians.
5. Read **Proverbs 15:23-24 & 25:11-12**. Now notice that in these passages the helpful and joyful words clearly include corrective words. Of what should you remind yourself when you need to provide loving biblical correction?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 12-04 – **Learning to Encourage One Another**

Msg. 20-40 – **Enjoying God's Family**

Msg. 09-25 – **Connectedness: Being More Intentional about Biblical Fellowship**

Msg. 16-23 – **Kindness & Encouragement**

Msg. 17-09 – **Providing Godly Encouragement to Your Friends**

Msg. 14-24 – **Your Fraternity of Hearers**

Msg. 11-09 – **Empathy for God's Embattled People**

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

April 23rd 2Sam.7-9 & Lk.19:1-28

April 24th 2Sam.10-12 & Lk.19:29-48

April 25th 2Sam.13-14 & Lk.20:1-26

April 26th 2Sam.15-16 & Lk.20:27-47

April 27th 2Sam.17-18 & Lk.21:1-19

April 28th 2Sam.19-20 & Lk.21:20-38

April 29th 2Sam.21-22 & Lk.22:1-30

April 30th 2Sam.23-24 & Lk.22:31-53

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Fernando, Ajith. **Reclaiming Friendship**. Herald Press, 1993.

Holmes, Jonathan. **The Company We Keep: In Search of Biblical Friendship**. Russell Sage Foundation, 2019.

Lewis, C. S. **The Four Loves**. Harvest Books, 1971.

Mack, Wayne. **Courage: Fighting Fear with Fear**. P & R Publishing, 2014.

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Moffatt, James. **Love in the New Testament**. Smith Publishing, 1930.

Ralevic, Simo. **The Tongue: Our Measure**. Banner of Truth, 1996.

Ryken, Philip Graham, ed. **The Communion of the Saints: Living in Fellowship with the People of God**. P & R, 2001.

Strauch, Alexander. **The Hospitality Commands: Building Loving Christian Community**. Lewis & Roth, 2016.

Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.

Welch, Edward T. **Side by Side: Walking with Others in Wisdom and Love**. Crossway, 2015.

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