

No. 14 What They Risked; How They Were Rewarded (Symposium)
 -Aquila and Priscilla

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes an interview. Follow instructions in assignment letter]

WHAT DID THEY RISK? (2 min.)

Aquila and Priscilla "risked their own necks" for the apostle Paul

[Read Romans 16:3, 4] (w96 12/15 24 ¶2)

What helped them to be so courageous?

They had already cultivated a self-sacrificing spirit

They hospitably housed Paul and likely other Christians (w96 12/15 23 ¶1-2)

They hosted congregation meetings (Ro 16:5)

They served in several congregations, being willing to move where the need was greater (w96 12/15 24 ¶5)

HOW WERE THEY REWARDED? (2 min.)

Jehovah rewarded Aquila and Priscilla with priceless friendships

Imagine hours spent listening to Paul's missionary experiences!

They earned the love of many congregations (Ro 16:4)

Nothing they sacrificed was worth more than the friends God gave them

Jehovah rewarded them by using them to train others

Aquila and Priscilla helped Apollos to become a more accurate teacher (Ac 18:26, 27)

Apollos thereafter helped others to learn the truth and to make progress

WHAT IS THE LESSON FOR US? (3 min.)

Love your brothers more than your own life (1Jo 3:16)

Be willing to protect your brothers from brutal treatment or death at enemy hands

Of course, as of yet, few of us have had to do so

Cultivate the spirit of self-sacrifice now; be willing to sacrifice personal comforts or financial advantages in order to help others

Some elders sacrifice overtime work or other economic incentives and expend themselves emotionally in order to serve on Hospital Liaison Committees and Patient Visitation Groups

Some have been willing to sacrifice their jobs or comfortable homes in order to assist victims of natural disasters

Modern-day Aquilas and Priscillas open their homes to accommodate circuit overseers as well as volunteers who help build and maintain Kingdom Halls

Jehovah appreciates all that you sacrifice to help others

He will repay you [Read Proverbs 19:17]

How has Jehovah rewarded courageous Aquilas and Priscillas in our area?

INTERVIEW (2 min.)

[Interview a publisher who acted unselfishly to assist his brothers and sisters. Perhaps he sacrificed financial advantages to assist with disaster relief or to serve on a Hospital Liaison Committee or a Patient Visitation Group. Or perhaps he risked his life to protect his brothers during persecution. Ask: (1) What were you willing to sacrifice? (2) What helped you to be courageous? (3) How has Jehovah rewarded your action?]

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IMITATE THEIR COURAGE! (1 min.)

In the final chapter of his last inspired letter, Paul still remembered his friends Aquila and Priscilla (2Ti 4:19)

Years had passed, but neither Paul nor Jehovah had forgotten that courageous couple

As you imitate their courage, be assured that Jehovah will not forget you

He will reward you!

In the final part of this symposium, see how Christians who even pay the ultimate price for their courage are rewarded

Listen now as Brother _____ considers "What They Risked; How They Were Rewarded—Stephen"

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