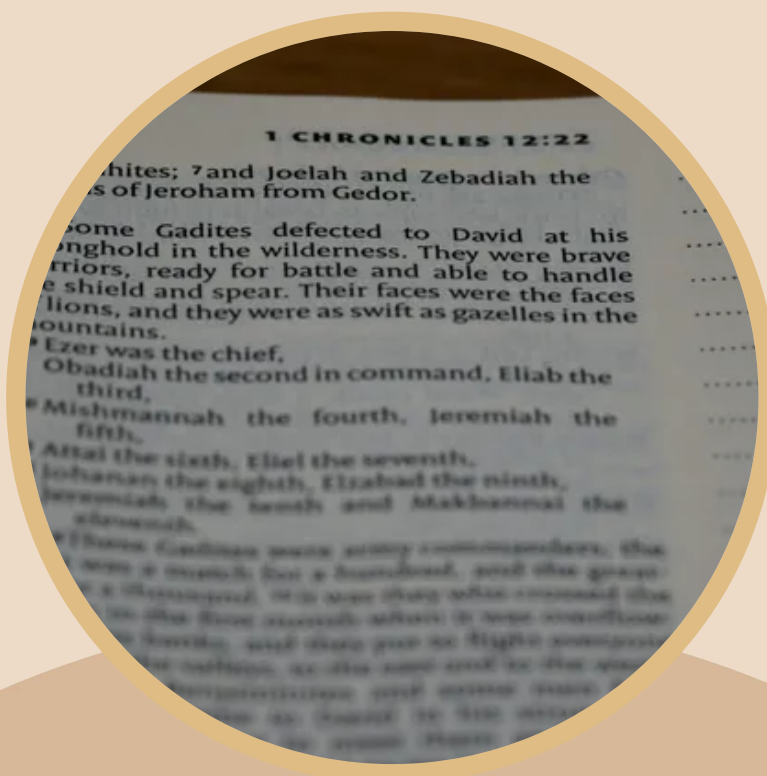




Apollos: Teachability and Discipleship in the Word



Explore how Apollos's eloquence and openness to truth teach us to grow in discipleship with humility and power.



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Introduction

When we think of powerful teachers in the Bible, **Apollos** stands out as a shining example of eloquence combined with teachability. Known for his passionate speaking and firm knowledge of Scripture, Apollos was a man whose influence grew when he remained open to deeper truth and mentorship.

In *Acts 18*, we find Apollos expertly teaching and clarifying the Scriptures, yet so much of his power came after he was lovingly taught by Priscilla and Aquila. This teaches us an important lesson: while natural ability and eloquence can draw attention, it is teachability and humility that refine our understanding and effectiveness.

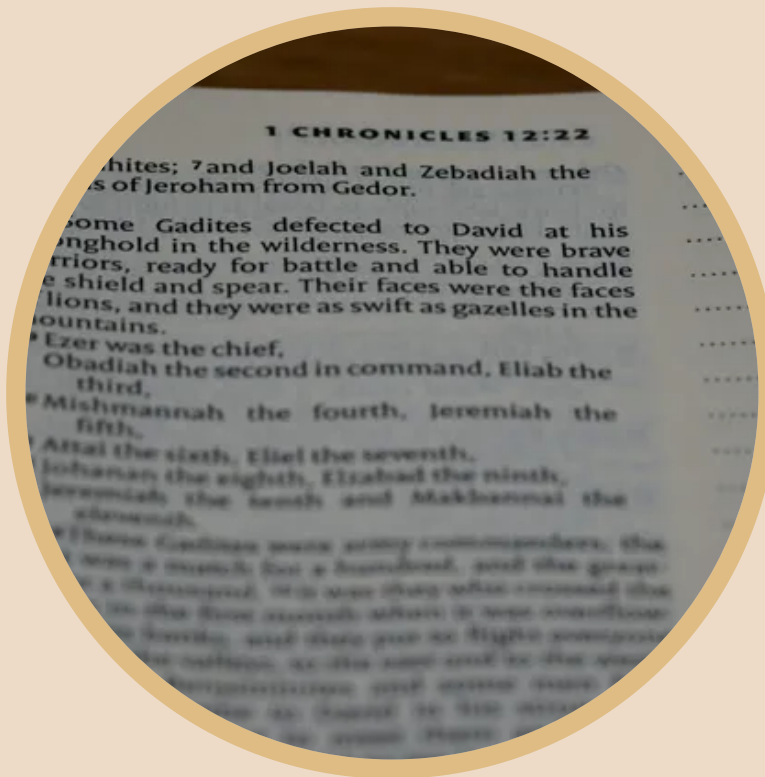
Throughout this 3-day study, we'll explore how Apollos's journey challenges us to embrace discipleship fully — to seek truth eagerly, accept correction gracefully, and use our God-given gifts to build others up. You'll be encouraged to reflect on how eloquence paired with truth guides your walk with God, making your witness stronger and more effective.

Whether you're a gifted speaker, a careful student, or simply someone seeking growth, Apollos's story shows that spiritual maturity is a process of continual learning and openness. May this plan inspire and equip you to grow in your relationship with God and in your ability to share His Word faithfully.





Day 1: Apollos's Passionate Beginning



Your Verse

Acts 18:24-26 "Apollos... was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord... and vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Acts 18:27 "When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him."*
- *1 Corinthians 3:6 "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow."*



Day 1:  Apollos's Passionate Beginning

Devotional: Eloquence Meets Humble Beginning

Apollos's story begins with zeal and knowledge. He was "mighty in the Scriptures" and bold in his teaching. Yet, as powerful as his eloquence was, he still had areas needing growth. His initial impact in Ephesus was remarkable because he knew the Scriptures well and was passionate about the Lord.

Still, we see that he lacked the fullness of truth and understanding until he was taught more accurately by Priscilla and Aquila. This shows that no matter how gifted we are, there's always room to grow and learn. True discipleship involves humility — a willingness to be taught and corrected.

In your own walk, think about the things you know well and areas where you might need to be open to correction. Like Apollos, you have gifts and passions, but God's truth is what ultimately refines and empowers those gifts.



Reflect and Apply

1. What are some areas where I feel confident in my knowledge or gifts?

2. How willing am I to be corrected or taught by others?

3. In what ways can humility deepen my understanding of God's Word?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time when being open to correction helped you grow.

2. Reflect on moments when your passion for God's Word was evident.

3. Identify areas where you desire more growth or clarity.



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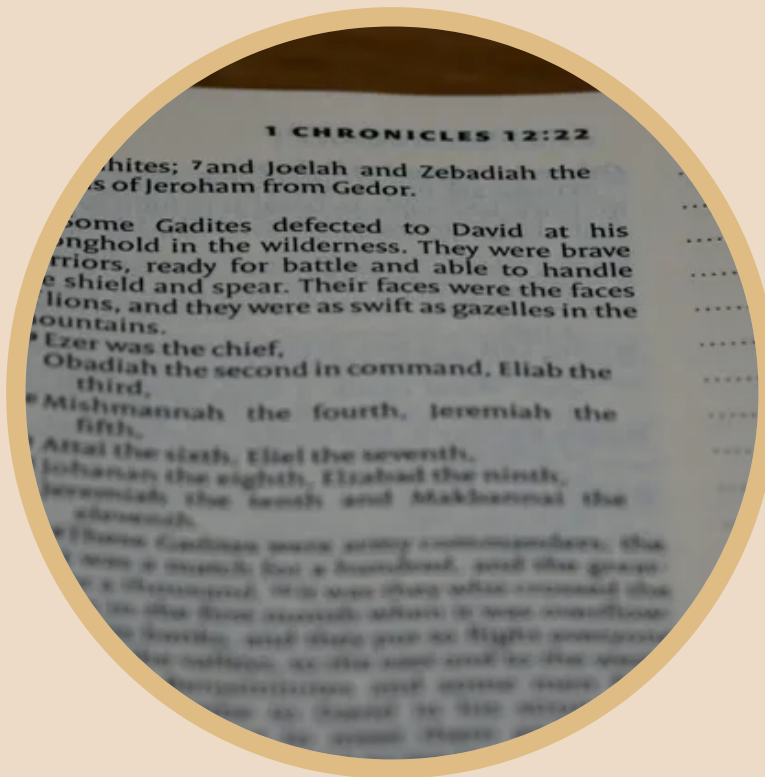
Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for the example of Apollos, whose boldness and knowledge inspired many. Help me commit to being teachable and humble, allowing Your truth to guide and refine me. May I never rely solely on my abilities but seek Your wisdom in all things. *Shape my heart to love learning from others and embracing correction.* Strengthen my passion for Your Word so that my gifts glorify You fully. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🙏📖✨





Day 2: ✨ Teachability as the Path to Truth



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Your Verse

Acts 18:26 "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."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Proverbs 9:9 "Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning."*
- *James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God... and it will be given to you."*



Day 2: ✨ Teachability as the Path to Truth

Devotional: Embracing Correction to Grow Deeper

Teachability is the heart attitude that opens us to God's fuller truth. Apollos's story shows us that even when someone is skilled and knowledgeable, their journey in faith and understanding isn't complete without openness to learning.

Priscilla and Aquila's gentle correction and guidance refined Apollos's ministry. It was not a rebuke to diminish him but an invitation to deeper truth. Their mentorship highlights the power of a loving community to shape and sharpen followers of Christ.

Today, consider your own teachability. Are you open to correction from trusted fellow believers? Do you seek God's wisdom daily, knowing your understanding can always expand? God's Word is alive and active; thus, our perspectives must remain flexible and responsive.



Day 2: ✨ Teachability as the Path to Truth

Reflect and Apply

1. How do I respond when someone challenges my beliefs or understanding?

2. Who in my life helps me grow spiritually and intellectually?

3. In what ways can I cultivate a teachable spirit this week?



Day 2: ✨ Teachability as the Path to Truth

Journaling Prompts

1. Describe a mentorship or friendship that helped you understand God better.

2. Write about a recent experience where you learned something new from Scripture.

3. List practical steps to become more open to correction and growth.



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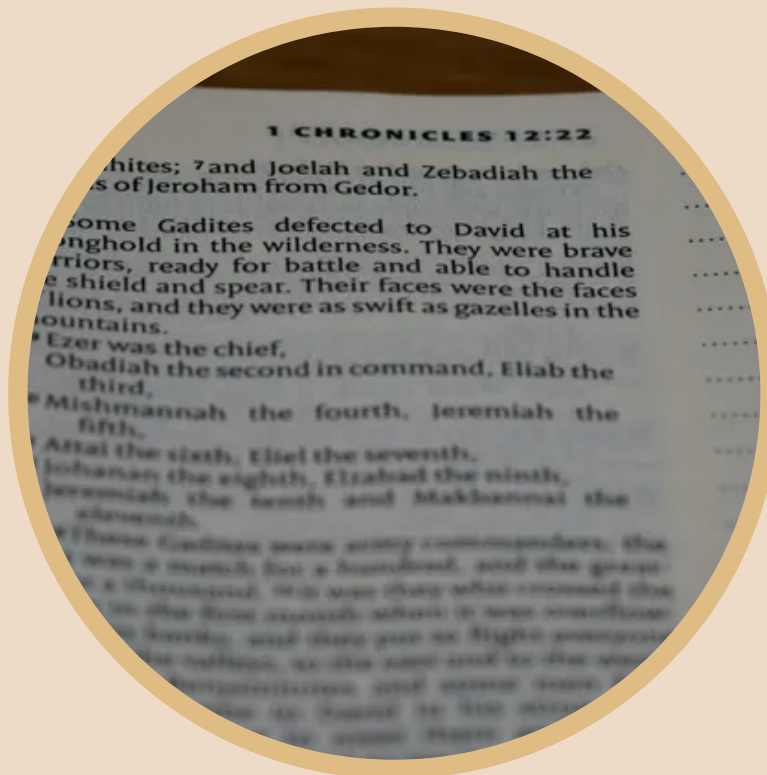
Prayer for Today

Lord, grant me a teachable heart like Apollos. Help me welcome correction and guidance without pride or defensiveness. Surround me with wise and loving mentors who point me to Your truth. Fill me with wisdom and understanding so I can grow daily closer to You. May my spirit remain humble and my mind eager to learn. I ask for grace to reflect Your love in all my relationships during this journey. In Jesus' name, Amen. 📖 🙌 ❤️





Day 3: 🔥 Truth and Eloquence United in Discipleship



Your Verse

1 Corinthians 3:6 "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Colossians 3:16 "Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom."*
- *2 Timothy 2:15 "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."*



Devotional: Powerful Ministry Through Truth and Humility

Apollos exemplifies the powerful partnership of eloquence with truth. His ability to communicate Scripture skillfully became a blessing to many because it was rooted in sound doctrine refined through teachability.

Paul's words remind us that our role is often to plant or water seeds of faith, but God gives the growth. This humbles us and encourages dependence on Him. When our gifts are paired with abiding in truth, our ministries become fruitful and lasting.

As you reflect today, consider how your own gifts—be it teaching, speaking, serving, or encouraging—can be strengthened by continual learning and submission to God's Word. Discipleship isn't just knowledge; it's helping others grow in truth and grace. May your life be a living echo of Apollos's transformative and teachable spirit.



Reflect and Apply

1. How can I balance confidence in my gifts with humility before God?

2. What role does Scripture play in shaping my ability to disciple others?

3. How can I better depend on God for growth rather than solely on my efforts?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a moment when God used your gifts to bless someone else.

2. Reflect on ways to deepen your knowledge of Scripture for ministry.

3. Plan practical steps to align your abilities with God's truth.



Day 3: 🔥 Truth and Eloquence United in Discipleship

Prayer for Today

Father God, thank You for the example of Apollos, whose eloquence was made mighty by truth and humility. Help me unite my gifts with Your Word so my efforts bring lasting fruit. Teach me to rely on Your power for growth and impact. May my heart always seek Your guidance and my words be seasoned with grace. Use me to nurture others in their faith so that Your kingdom expands. I surrender my abilities to You, trusting You to bring the increase. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🌱 🗣️ 🙏





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