

B. To _____ the believers

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." (Colossians 3:16)

"Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee." (Hebrews 2:12)

C. To _____ the lost

"I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. ² He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. ³ And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD." (Psalm 40:1-3)

4. Practical _____ for Music

A. Give the Holy Spirit _____ power.

"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." (Galatians 5:16-17)

B. Replace the _____ with the good.

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:2)

C. Listen to music with _____ lyrics.

D. The music (instrumentation) should _____ the lyrics and melody.

E. Be _____.

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8)

F. Give _____.

"...singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." (Colossians 3:16)

Quote: "You don't have to discern music the exact way I do to be spiritual, and vice versa. We should beware not to strain at gnats, attempting to discern intricate musical expressions, while the direct orders Christ gave the church concerning evangelism remain incomplete."—**Paul Chappell**, *Biblical Principles for Music and Worship*



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"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; ¹⁹ Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;" (Ephesians 5:18-19)

Introduction

- Music is an intensely personal subject.
"Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom." (Proverbs 13:10)
- Music is a dominantly positive subject in the Bible.
- The prevalence and immediate accessibility of music today is a relatively new phenomenon.

1. Music Is a _____ from God

A. God _____ music.

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." (Revelation 4:11)

Quote: "I thank God for the gift of music. I am particularly thankful for sacred, Christ-honoring music. Music is an integral part of worship and edification. It can draw our hearts closer to the Lord and reinforce scriptural truths in our minds, or it can weaken our walk with God and pull our flesh toward the world."—**Paul Chappell**, *Biblical Principles for Music and Worship*

"The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing." (Zephaniah 3:17)

"And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives." (Matthew 26:30)

"Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the surdis, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the

workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. ¹⁴ Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁵ Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou was created, till iniquity was found in thee.” (Ezekiel 28:13–15)

B. Everything God creates the devil wants to _____ and pervert.

“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” (John 10:10)

2. Music _____

A. _____ communicate.

“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.” (Ephesians 4:29)

“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” ¹² For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.” (Ephesians 5:11–12)

“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs...” (Ephesians 5:19)

B. _____ communicates.

“And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.” (1 Samuel 16:23)

Quote: “If the establishment knew what today’s popular music is saying, not what the words are saying, but what the music itself is saying, they would just turn their thumb down on it. They’d ban it. They’d smash all the records and arrest anyone who tried to play it.”—**Cheetah Magazine**

MELODY

“...making melody in your heart to the Lord;” (Ephesians 5:19)

HARMONY

RHYTHM

Quote: “Rock and roll is a contact sport. I enjoy playing the tunes that really get the people going.”—**Richie Sambora**

Quote: “Rock and roll: music for the neck downwards.”
—**Keith Richards**

C. What _____ music communicates

1. God’s wondrous works (1 Chronicles 16:9)
2. God’s salvation (1 Chronicles 16:23)
3. God’s glory (1 Chronicles 16:24)
4. God as our Creator (1 Chronicles 16:26)
5. God’s glory and strength (1 Chronicles 16:28)
6. Worship to God (1 Chronicles 16:29)
7. Holiness (1 Chronicles 16:29)
8. Thankfulness (1 Chronicles 16:34)
9. Praise, lots of praise (Psalm 150)
10. Sacrifice of praise (Hebrews 13:15)
11. Service with gladness (Psalm 100:1–2)
12. God’s power (Psalm 59:16)
13. God—our defense and refuge (Psalm 59:16)
14. A new song (Psalm 149:1)
15. A transformed life (1 Peter 2:9)
16. His bountiful blessings (Psalm 13:6)
17. My fear of God (1 Chronicles 16:25)
18. God’s faithfulness (Psalm 89:1)
19. Grace in my heart (Colossians 3:16)
20. Instruction from God’s Word (Colossians 3:16)
21. A testimony to the lost (Psalm 40:3)
22. A joyful noise (Psalm 81:1)
23. Clarity and understanding (Psalm 47:7)

3. Music’s Biblical _____

A. To _____ God

“O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.” (Psalm 95:1)

“O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.” (Psalm 98:1)

Quote: “Somewhere along the way...we adapted to the idolatry of culture and began to view our music as a vehicle for our pleasure. This new belief has led to an entirely new approach to music in church and in the Christian life over the past fifty years—a new philosophy of entertainment-based worship. Gradually, Christian music became ‘all about us’ and our style preferences—what makes us feel good. As a result, worship became more about us than God and our excuse is, ‘God likes all kinds of music.’”—**Cary Schmidt, Music Matters**