

W o r s h i p M u s i c M i n i s t r y

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The Big Picture

As Christians we desire to please God.

- ◇ It is possible to please Him.
 - ◇ Eph 5:10 – ‘... find out what pleases the Lord.’
 - ◇ 2 Cor 5:9 – ‘So we make it our goal to please him ...’
 - ◇ 1 Thess 4:1 – ‘... live in order to please God_...’
 - ◇ Col 1:10 – ‘... please him in every way ...’
 - ◇ 1 Thess 2:4 – Please God, not men
 - ◇ Heb 11:6 – Without faith it is impossible to please God
- ◇ So we search out what things please God.

Why do we worship God?

- ◇ Because it pleases Him
 - ◇ “... the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.” (John 4:23)
 - ◇ God is actually LOOKING for people who worship Him; it's what He desires.
 - ◇ But He is also looking for a particular KIND of worshiper.

What kind of worshiper does the Father seek?

- ◇ One that worships, “... in spirit and truth ...” (John 4:23).
- ◇ This speaks of many things that we need to continue to search out, but they are mostly related to heart attitudes, faith levels & mental understanding.

How does music relate to being the kind of worshiper that pleases God?

- ◇ In the bible, music is an integral part of worship.
 - ◇ Psalm 149:1, 3 – Singing songs to God, make music to Him with tambourine and harp.
 - ◇ Psalm 150:3-6 – Praise Him with ... trumpet, harp, lyre, tambourine, dancing, strings, flute, cymbals, & breath
 - ◇ 1 Chron. 6:31-47 – David appointed many Levites to minister with music in the tabernacle.
 - ◇ 1 Chron. 15:16 – Levites instructed to sing joyful songs, accompanied by musical instruments.
 - ◇ 1 Sam 16:23 – David ministered to Saul with his harp, causing the evil spirit on Saul to leave.
 - ◇ James 5:13 – Sing songs of praise.
 - ◇ Eph 5:19 – Speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord.
 - ◇ Col 3:16 – Sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God.
 - ◇ And others
- ◇ It helps us in our expressions of worship to God.
- ◇ So, if we play, sing & lead worshipful music, then we are helping people please God.

The effect of worship on people

- ◇ Nourishes & tunes hearts to hear God. (*‘While the harpist was playing, the hand of the Lord came upon Elisha’ – 2 Kings 3:15*)
- ◇ Keeps our relationship with God fresh & intimate. (*King David was one of the most passionate*

worshippers in scripture, and God referred to Him as 'a man after his own heart' – Acts 13:22)

- ◇ Resolves many issues in peoples' lives, because they are put directly in touch with God where they can receive the ministry that they need. (*As the people began to sing & praise God, He set ambushes against their enemies and defeated them. God fights for His people as they praise. - 2 Chron 20:22*)
- ◇ 'Sets the table' or 'primes the pump' in meetings. Worship prepares peoples' hearts to better receive sermons, prophetic words, etc.

Why should we spend time learning & practicing musical things?

- ◇ The scriptural model of worship leadership is one of excellence (1 Chron 25:7 – trained & skillful. Ps 33:33 – 'play skillfully').
- ◇ There are many practical things that we can do as worship leaders to help stimulate a proper heart response from His people.
- ◇ Training others - Our calling is not just to be a worship leader or team member, but to train others to do what we do. We need to learn, so we can teach others.

What things can we study that will help this happen, and why are they important?

- ◇ The Big Picture (WL)
 - ◇ Helps us understand the reason worship ministry exists.
 - ◇ Helps us understand the heart or attitude behind worship.
 - ◇ Gives us a contextual understanding so we know why we do the practical, 'nitty-gritty' parts of worship ministry.
- ◇ Music Theory (WL)
 - ◇ Lets us understand why we play what we play.
 - ◇ Lets us create, add to, or change music instead of having to just use what has already been done by others.
 - ◇ Gives us vocabulary & understanding to communicate with other musicians.
- ◇ Keyboard Basics (WL & *beginning keyboardists*)
 - ◇ The best instrument to use in understanding music theory because it is linear.
 - ◇ Easy to use in leading vocal rehearsals because you can visualize the harmony parts on the keyboard as well as hear them.
 - ◇ The easiest instrument to use with a computer for sequencing and arranging.
 - ◇ One of the two most common instruments to use while leading worship.
- ◇ Guitar Basics (WL & *beginning guitarists*)
 - ◇ One of the two most common instruments to use while leading worship.
 - ◇ Probably the quickest instrument for leading worship to become proficient on.
 - ◇ Very easy to use in leading a band because it is so rhythmic.
- ◇ Assembling a Worship Team (WL)
 - ◇ If we approach this aspect haphazardly, we set ourselves up for trouble down the road. It's better to consider it before you even think you need to know it, so that you are ready when it becomes relevant.
 - ◇ In short – it is much better to be careful when adding team members, than to have to remove them after they are already on the team.
- ◇ Preparing a Set (WL)
 - ◇ Every worship leader has to prepare sets.
 - ◇ The way you prepare directly effects how well the set goes.
- ◇ Communicating with a Worship Team (WL)
 - ◇ The results a worship leader gets from his/her worship team is directly related to how well he/she communicates.