

## *Bible Principles on Music*

- A. God created music for us to use to praise and thank Him.
1. The music we Christians use must reflect God's character (holy—not worldly, orderly, beautiful, and truthful).
  2. We should sing and play instruments to the Lord. God intends for us to use music for His glory, not our pleasure (Psalms 95:1, 96:1, 104:33, 146:1, 149:1, 150 / I Cor. 10:31 / Eph. 5:19 / Col. 3:16, 23-24 / Rev. 5:9-10).
- B. "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." The desire to sing to the Lord and praise Him to other people is the result of salvation and of the Holy Spirit in you (Psalm 40:1-3 / Eph. 5:19/Col. 3:16/Rev. 5:9-10). Psalm 40:3 teaches that unsaved people will notice a difference. **Paul and Silas** sang praises to God in jail in Philippi, and the jailer was saved because of their testimony.
- C. A Christian's music must not be like the world's music – "And be not conformed to this world . . ." (Rom. 12:2).
1. We should not use sensual music (music that appeals to our flesh, eyes, or pride); it is not of God (I John 2:15).
  2. Melody, harmony, and rhythm in our music must not appeal to the flesh, but rather to our spirits (Rom. 6:12-13).
  3. Our music must be holy--separate from sin and sensuality--as God is holy (I Peter 1:14-16 / II Cor. 6:14-7:1).  
Contemporary Christian music joins fleshly, worldly, Satanic music with, so-called Christian messages—wrong !!!
- D. God intends for Christians to use music to teach and admonish other Christians (Eph. 5:19 / Col. 3:16-17). Your goal in singing to Christians should be to encourage and challenge them, not impress them (Col. 3:23-24).
- E. "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:1-2). Listen to music at home and in your car that is holy and that turns your thoughts to the Lord, helping you sing to Him. I believe that "easy-listening" music (e.g. movie themes) is a waste. Some classical music is good, and some is bad.

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