

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

THE DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE

Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

Study 28 MUSIC

Tonight we will discuss MUSIC and principles from the Bible with which to govern our choice of music to listen to and what music we should sing.

1) MUSIC IS VERY IMPORTANT IN LIFE.

2) THERE IS A TYPE OF MUSIC THAT IS BAD AND THAT IS GOOD.

Proverbs 15:3 ¶ The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

3) GOD'S WORD MENTIONS MANY DIFFERENT INSTRUMENTS THAT CAN ALL BE PLAYED IN A GOOD OR BAD WAY.

1 Chronicles 15:16 And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.

2 Chronicles 5:12 Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:)

13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;

14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

4) WE SHOULD ALWAYS LET GOD'S WORD BE THE FINAL SAY IN WHAT MUSIC WE SING AND LISTEN TO.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

5) MELODY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE THREE PARTS OF MUSIC – MELODY, HARMONY, RHYTHM.

Ephesians 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

MELODY (def) An agreeable succession of sounds; a succession of sounds so regulated and modulated as to please the ear. To constitute melody, the sounds must be arranged according to the laws of rhythms, measure, or the due proportion of the movements to each other. Melody differs from harmony, as it consists in the agreeable succession and modulation of sounds by a single voice; whereas harmony consists in the accordance of different voices or sounds. Melody is vocal or instrumental.

HARMONY (def) Just proportion of sound; consonance; musical concord; the accordance of two or more intervals or sounds, or that union of different sounds which pleases the ear; or a succession of such sounds, called chords.

RHYTHM (def) 1. In music, variety in the movement as to quickness or slowness, or

length and shortness of the notes; or rather the proportion which the parts of the motion have to each other. 2. Meter; verse; number.

MELODY → SPIRIT

HARMONY → SOUL

RHYTHM → BODY

The world gets the order backwards and has a fleshly appeal instead of a spiritual appeal.

Romans 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

6) THE RIGHT KIND OF MUSIC IS ESSENTIAL IN BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

Ephesians 5:18 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;

7) THE RIGHT MUSIC CAN LIFT US UP IN OUR DARK TIMES OF LIFE.

Acts 16:25 ¶ And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

8) MUSIC SHOULD ALWAYS BE DONE IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

John 8:29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

Colossians 3:16 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.

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

9) WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND WHAT WE ARE SINGING/LISTENING TO.

Psalms 47:7 For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

A. UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORDS

B. UNDERSTANDING OF THE MEANINGS

10) MUSIC SHOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPIRIT AND TRUTH.

John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

11) THE RIGHT KIND OF MUSIC CAN BRING US IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.

Psalms 95:1 ¶ O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

12) THE MUSIC WE SING/LISTEN TO SHOULD NEVER HAVE SINFUL OR INAPPROPRIATE LYRICS.

Ephesians 5:3 ¶ But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

Ephesians 4:29 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.

13) THE BACKGROUND SOUND MATTERS AS MUCH AS THE LYRICS.

Psalm 137:4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song in a strange land?

14) OUR MUSIC SHOULD PUSH PEOPLE TO JESUS NOT DRAW THEM FROM HIM.

Psalm 40:2 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.

15) THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MUSIC OF GOD AND THAT OF THE DEVIL/WORLD.

Ezekiel 22:26 Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

16) WE SHOULD NOT LOVE THE WORLD WITH REGARDS TO OUR MUSIC.

1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

17) ASSOCIATION MATTERS IN MUSIC.

1 Corinthians 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

Obadiah 1:11 In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them.

18) LUCIFER WAS THE CHIEF MUSICIAN OF HEAVEN AND HE KNOWS VERY WELL HOW TO USE MUSIC IN AN UNGODLY WAY.

Ezekiel 28:11 ¶ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, 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 wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

19) SOME PRACTICAL GUIDELINES IN DETERMINING OUR MUSIC.

A) WOULD JESUS LISTEN TO THE MUSIC?

B) NEVER LISTEN TO SINFUL LYRICS OR THOSE THAT PROJECT WRONG ACTIONS/BELIEFS.

C) LISTEN TO MUSIC THAT APPEALS TO THE SPIRIT OVER THE FLESH.

D) HOW A PERSON RESPONDS TO THE MUSIC WILL TELL IF IT IS RIGHT OR WRONG.

1 Samuel 16:23 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.

E) MUSICIANS SHOULD BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND LED OF GOD JUST LIKE PREACHERS/SOUL WINNERS.

F) WHAT KIND OF ROLE MODELS THE MUSICIANS ARE DETERMINES THE DIRECTION OF THEIR MUSIC.

Matthew 7:15 ¶ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

G) IT IS GOOD TO LISTEN TO MUSIC THAT WE WILL BE LISTENING TO ONE DAY IN HEAVEN.

Colossians 3:1 ¶ If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.