

Music in the Home: The Bible Has a Lot to Say

I Thessalonians 5:21 “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”

II Peter 1:3 “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”

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

The very first revival meeting I ever preached was in southern Texas in 2002. We saw both fruit and fights from that meeting! One of the messages I preached was on music. I stressed the need for all believers to “prove all things” in their life which included music. It was not received well. After such negative feedback, that was the last time I preached an entire sermon on music until after I became dangerously sick in 2011. When my mental capabilities returned at the start of 2013, I asked the Lord what my first messages should be on. I had no reason other than God's unmistakable burden that He wanted me to preach again on music. So, my first studied and written messages back on the evangelism trail were on this topic of music. **Just like me, dear reader, you are responsible to “prove all things” and to “study” God's Word concerning music.** God addresses all matters of life in His Word. God “hath given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness.” Music pertains to “life”: this one and the one to come. Since both God and Satan are musical, music also pertains to “godliness”. Find out what God wants.

Oh, how many times I have heard someone say, “The Bible doesn't say anything about...” a certain subject. Music is one of those things some assume God doesn't talk about. However, **music in its various forms is mentioned over 500 times in the Bible!** The Bible has a lot to say about music. And that doesn't even include the various overlooked or “hidden” words and phrases throughout Scripture that are musical terms. For instance, when II Pt. 1:5 commands “...add to your faith...”, the Greek word for “add” is epichoregeo a musical term meaning “to chorus together”. And there is also the word “concord” in II Cor. 6:15 which in the Greek is the word sumphonesis or symphony. There is also the Greek word sumphoneo (symphony) used in 6 other verses. Of course, there are also obvious passages about music that talk about songs and singing. There is also I and II Chronicles that give minute details of music ministry in the Temple (the church services) and the holy, orderly requirements of the Levites in the area of music. **The holy, orderly God of music in those Temple services is the same holy, orderly God of music today in our church services.**

My friend, the Bible has a lot to say about music. Our responsibility is to search these truths out. **Some truths are found on the surface like seashells by the seaside. Others are mined through much work.** But all truths concerning music are important. Find them.