

Christian Music – Spirit-Controlled Music

Various Scriptures

INTRODUCTION

Ephesians 5:18-19 is parallel to Colossians 3:16
The Holy Spirit is the source of God-honoring music

Key thought: The Holy Spirit always exalts the Lord Jesus (John 16:13-14)

Spirit-controlled music is when the Holy Spirit, through Scripture, enables us to produce lyrics and music that reach this goal.

A. LYRICS

I. The Lyrics Will Be Christ Exalting

“Let the word of **Christ** . . .”

“For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God’s word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ”
(II Corinthians 2:17)

II. The Lyrics Will Be Rich in Truth

“ . . . dwell in you **richly** . . .”

III. The Lyrics Will Be Scripturally Accurate

“ . . . **teaching** one another. . .”

B. Music

Music is like many things in life. The actual physical components that make it up are neutral. However, once harnessed by man into a discipline, neutral elements can be used for good or evil, making the end product moral or immoral. The same is true of music. Music then is not amoral, it is moral, and can thus be inappropriate or appropriate for carrying Christ-exalting lyrics, depending on how it is composed.

I. The Mood It Creates Will Be Consonant With The Subject of the Lyrics

Music carries a message of its own. The message of the music must not contradict the message of the lyrics.

II. The Sound It Has Will Not Incite Fleshliness

The body is not evil. But an overemphasis on rhythm can be a provocation to the sinful nature, which craves sensuality.

“But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.” (I Corinthians 9:27)

III. The Sound It Has Will Avoid Associations of Worldliness

I Thessalonians 5:22: *“Abstain from every form of evil.”*

IV. The Sound It Has Will Draw From The Best of The Redeemed in that Culture

“And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ” (Philippians 1:9-10)

CONCLUSION