

How do you Evaluate Music?
Ephesians 4:29
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What music is appropriate to worship God?

1) Music communicates meaning Ex. 32:17-19

- Music communicates war Ex. 32:17-19
- Music communicates refreshment 1 Sam. 16:14, 17-18, 23
- Music communicates emotionally
 - Laments Job 30:31; Love song Is. 5:1

2) Music communicates by association like a symbol

- A symbol communicates something
- Conventional Association
- Natural Association

3) Evaluate music by Scripture Eph. 4:29

- There is both edifying and corrupt communication Eph. 4:29
- Bad association can corrupt 1 Cor. 15:33
- Associate with what edifies 1 Cor. 10:23
- Application:

Corrupt	Edifying

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- 1 Cor. 8:4, 9-13

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Evaluate your music by Scripture to what is fitting for the King!
Philippians 4:8-9

Message Based Discussion Questions

1) What kinds of music do you like?

Digging Deeper:

- 2) According to Ephesians 5:18-20, how is the Christian to be filled?
 _____ What will be the result if a Christian is filled with the Holy Spirit? What will that look like in Church?
- 3) What idea is found in both Eph. 5:20 and Rom. 1:21?
 _____ What is the contrast between the two verses? What will be true of the believer who is filled with the Holy Spirit compared to the unbeliever who is not filled? So, if a believer is not giving thanks, what does that say about his life?
- 4) As a reference to Satan, what does Ezek. 28:12-15 say Satan was good at (cf. 28:13c)? _____ How do you suppose this might have caused his fall?

Applying the message to life:

- 5) If music is like a plate that serves food, why should the plate fit the occasion?
- 6) What are several examples of conventional associations in regard to music? When you hear a particular song, what do you think of without hearing the lyrics?
- 7) If there is room for preference, how do I discern what I should not listen to in life?