

# Principles of Christian Music (Pastor Jim Scudder, Jr)

## Lesson 8

The question: “Is music capable of \_\_\_\_\_?”

Is music \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_? It is like language and art. The letters are amoral, but put them together it is moral.

The questions: “Is music amoral?”, “Is music capable of moral influence?” focus on music only in regard to its \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ on the human level. The more important question is, who in the spirit world is the music (not the text) communicating to and what is it communicating?

Music is a \_\_\_\_\_ of communication, enjoyment, and dislike in the spirit world first and foremost.

People who have been rescued by Christ now live their lives in accordance to the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Kingdom.

The world has its own system that is \_\_\_\_\_ by Satan.

John 17 tells us we are \_\_\_\_\_ the world, but should not be \_\_\_\_\_ it.

Music is a \_\_\_\_\_ part of any culture.

The culture of the \_\_\_\_\_ (traditional) and the culture of the \_\_\_\_\_ (contemporary) is full of man’s sin nature and Satan’s rebellion.

This is not purely a matter of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_; Not a matter of \_\_\_\_\_; Not a matter of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

To say because it is old it is \_\_\_\_\_ (or vice a versa) is wrong.

We are a people set \_\_\_\_\_ from the world. So how can we \_\_\_\_\_ what of the culture is usable, and what is to be rejected.

The world has its music...Blues Country Easy listening Electronic Hip Hop Jazz Pop R&B Rock

One danger in our music is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (conforming to what is corrupt). But there are other dangers.

Every deviation \_\_\_\_\_ true spirituality.

How do we decide what is Godly, and what is not? Like with anything else, we go to God's Word.

## 1. There is Music that God \_\_\_\_\_

Just because God created music does not mean that He likes all music. Some music God calls \_\_\_\_\_:

Isaiah 14:11

This talks about Babylon and the noise of viols. The viol was an instrument with a bow. It was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the violin family of instruments. God describes the music that they played on it as noise! God \_\_\_\_\_ music, but He did not like Babylon's music.

Amos 5:21-23

Here is some \_\_\_\_\_ music that God will not listen to even though the words are \_\_\_\_\_ Him. It was not the words, it was the music itself – the instrumental music that was noise (and God likes instrumental music). The music was so \_\_\_\_\_ to God that He commanded them to take it away from Him. These were sincere “religious” people, they were longing for the day of the Lord (verse 18), but their \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ was not right.

This passage answers the question: “Does putting Christian words to any kind of music make the music Christian or Godly music?” The answer is no.

## 2. There is \_\_\_\_\_ Music in the \_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 32:15-19

This reveals that Joshua and Moses had difficulty recognizing the music from a distance as music. They described it as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## 3. There is Music that God \_\_\_\_\_

2 Chronicles 5:11-14

God responded to the music. The music \_\_\_\_\_ with His Spirit.

2 Chronicles 20:21-22

God heard the music and it \_\_\_\_\_ His heart to action.

1 Samuel 16:23

This speaks of music that \_\_\_\_\_ do not like.

The fact that music communicates in the \_\_\_\_\_ means that music is much more than a \_\_\_\_\_ subject. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ subject.

As with other \_\_\_\_\_ subjects, music requires spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ through the Holy Spirit's guidance.

The real question is not do others enjoy our music but does \_\_\_\_\_ enjoy our music, or is it \_\_\_\_\_ to Him?  
"Worship music" in the church can be \_\_\_\_\_ music that God will not listen to.

Colossians 3:16

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