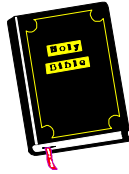


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“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

SINGING to WHOM?

The Lord has reasons for what He asks us to do. Trying to discern those reasons will help us better **do** what He wants and better please Him. Take singing for instance. Who do we sing to? Why? Here are some things the Lord has said:

"Speaking to YOURSELVES in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the LORD;" - Ephesians 5:19

"Teaching and admonishing ONE ANOTHER in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the LORD." - Colossians 3:16

Here, the Lord tells us there are **two** parts to our singing. First, there's a **physical** part, the actual words we **speak** with our mouths that others around us can **hear**. These words are to **teach** and **admonish**. Therefore, they **must** be **good** words, true and upright, able and fit to teach and admonish. (God's word is best for this: **Rom 1:16, John 17:17**) They can't be vain or empty words, or teach **contrary** to the scripture. That's another reason to not **hum or whistle, clap our hands**, or use an **organ or piano**—they don't teach or admonish. **We do—with our words and voices**. **And we must speak** with our voices to be obedient to God's command. If we remain **silent**, we **aren't** singing as God commanded. He won't be happy if we don't obey (read **1 Samuel 15:22**).

The second part of our singing is **spiritual**. It's the part you and I can not **hear**—the melody and grace in our **hearts!** The Lord however **can hear** and know our **hearts**; that part is for Him. An **organ or piano** doesn't have a heart; it won't last for eternity; the Lord isn't interested in them. He's interested in **us** and our **eternal** hearts and the **melody of love and faith and grace** that **must** be in them.

Just as our worship must be in spirit and in truth, so must our singing be in spirit to the Lord, and in truth (God's Word, **John 17:17**) to one another.

Let's think about **how, why and what** we sing, to make sure we understand and are doing what the Lord wants us to do. It will make Him happy with us, and that's a **good** thing!

“I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.” - 1 Cor. 14:15

- Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

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WITNESSING FOR CHRIST

WHAT ARE YOU WEARING?

“When the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he said to him, Friend, how came thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.” - Matt 22:11-14

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Margaret Herring, Jimmy Gist, Jean Godley, Amy Wintermute, Lamar Reeves, Nina Ruth Meadows* (Marcella Klieves' mother), **Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago** (Jerry's sister) and **Phyllis Johnson**.
- It was wonderful to have **Margaret Herring** back with us last Sunday, and she was very, very happy to be there too! Margaret requests prayers for her brother, **Julias Guidon**, who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- **Jean Boyd** is not well, all her vitals are low. Please pray for her.
- **Gene and Evalina Lowe** request prayers for their brother-in-law **Otis Burch** who was diagnosed with spinal cancer. He attends at Boiling Springs church of Christ.
- **Deborah Stoyk** was in the hospital to determine the reason for her recent fall. Remember them, and **Michael and Megan** and pray that things will work out well.
- **James Gamble**, Jones' dad isn't doing well.
- **Kelly Kennedy** recovering from hand surgery, had a CAT scan to look at some suspicious tumors in her neck and head. Pray for her and the family.
- **Marilyn Brooks** is still in Richland Memorial Hospital.
- We have many that are ill: **Jean Boyd, Eddie Sheppard, Margaret Herring, Marilyn Brooks, Ron Banks, Deborah Stoyk, and Margie DeYoung**.
- Remember all these in your prayers. Write them a card, give them a call, let them know you're praying for them and see if they'd like a visit:
- **Brother Manning** has many Bible studies during the week, remember them.

"Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."
- Matthew 24:46

- **Carolyn Stidham** has moved (Sweetbriar apartments) and new phone number: **200 Libby Rd., Apt. 1F, Lexington SC 29072, phone (803) 520-4891**

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **REMEMBER!** Gospel Meeting with **David Pharr** coming up Sep 12-15!
- **Building Cleanup** volunteers needed!
- **Youth Devo SATURDAYS 7 pm.**

“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work” - 2 Corinthians 9:11

TRUST IN GOD AND ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!

WALK WITH GOD ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!

COMMUNICATING OUR LOVE

Do you love others? We need to; remember, it's one of the greatest commands God has given us (Matthew 22:19). We can communicate with our words or our actions. Which speaks louder? God has told us how to love:

1. Suffer together (1 Corinthians 12:26)
2. Rejoice together (Romans 12:15)
3. Carry each others' burdens (Galatians 6:2)
4. Restore each other (Galatians 6:1)
5. Pray for one another (Romans 15:30)
6. Teach & admonish one another (Col 3:16)
7. Refresh one another (Romans 15:32)
8. Encourage each other (Acts 28:15)
9. Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32)

10. Confess to one another (James 5:16)
11. Be truthful with each other (Eph 4:25)
12. Provoke to love, good works (Heb 10:24)
13. Give to each other (Philippians 4:14,15)
14. Comfort one another (1 Thess 4:18)

God tells us what communicates best:

“But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.” - 1 John 3:17,18

Are you listening? Do you love others?
Invite them to our Gospel Meeting!

“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15

- **Aliceteen King** was baptized into Christ last Sunday morning. She had been studying for some time with **Marilyn Brooks** and our evangelist and came to an understanding of what the Lord wants from us all, came forward, made the good confession and was immersed into Christ for the remission of her sins. Be sure to encourage her as much as you can and remember her in your prayers.
- **Lamar Reeves** is very happy, excited and thankful for being accepted at the Carolina school of Preaching in Sumter. He's been provided a room, but will need some support for other things. Some of the brethren pitched in and got him a laptop to help with his studies. This is a 2 year program. Keep him in your prayers that he

GO YE!

Remember our Gospel Meeting with **David Pharr**, 9/12-15. David will preach the Gospel. Those that hear will be mightily convinced—or condemned. BUT! They need to be there to hear—that's our job—to invite people to the meeting to hear the word of God.

“Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.” - Matthew 22:9

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.” - Matthew 28:19,20

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” - Mark 16:15

(What will you tell God you did, on judgment day?)