

Evaluating Musical Communication

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How Does Music Communicate?



- ❧ The Bible Implies Musical Communication
 - ❧ Worship that Sounds like War (Exodus 32)
 - ❧ Refreshing the Spirit (1 Samuel 16:1—23)
 - ❧ Instrumental Emotion
 - ❧ Job 30:31
 - ❧ Isaiah 16:11
 - ❧ Jeremiah 48:36

How Does Music Communicate?



- ❧ The Bible Implies Musical Communication
- ❧ Emotional Metaphor
 - ❧ Conventional Association

Conventional Association



Conventional Association



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- ❧ The Bible Implies Musical Communication
- ❧ Emotional Metaphor
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 - ❧ Natural Association

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❧ Ephesians 4:29

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

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 - ❧ Corrupt Communication

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❧ Ephesians 5:3—4

But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

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 - ❧ Lyrics
 - ❧ Musical form

Corrupt Communication



✻ 1 Corinthians 15:33

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

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 - ❧ Edifying Communication
 - ❧ Fitting Communication

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Musical Choices

Corrupt

Edifying

Avoid

Room for Preferences

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Musical Choices

Corrupt	Edifying	
Avoid	Fitting	Unfitting
	Room for Preferences	Avoid

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Conventional Associations



❧ 1 Corinthians 8:9—13

But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols; And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

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 - ❧ For the sake of the gospel

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	Fitting		Unfitting
	Negative Association	Positive Association	
	Avoid	Avoid	

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