

6. Desires/Devotion

-do you seek a life of your desires, or a life devoted to God?

--you cannot have it both ways!

Psalm 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

A. Do Not Seek Your Desires

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Matthew 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

-**Romans 13:14** But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

---put on His reflection!!!!

B. Seek Only To Please God

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

-**1 Corinthians 10:31** Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

-**Colossians 3:17** And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

--**Revelation 4:11** Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

--Our main purpose for music is to please God, and if we were created for His pleasure, that is, to please Him, then what are we doing?!!!!!!

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

--with all your heart means there is nothing left over for you.

---Our music should reflect Christ

---His attributes should be seen in our music clearly.

--our standard of music should reflect His standard of Holiness, righteousness, truth, order, purity, beauty.

--our music should reflect His image, the One in heaven, to a people on earth.

--and as we “dwell in His Word”, then His standard will then become our standard.

We need a Biblical Standard in our Music

--*some say this is a 'gray' area, and God doesn't care*

--*Folks....to say that God just turns a deaf ear to people's confusion about music and leaves it up to us to decide based upon our own taste and likes is ABSURD*

--*God has standards of music and they are reflective of HIS attributes, and of HIS tastes rather than ours.*

--*God does not leave the decision of what is good and what is bad music up to inherently sinful man.*

--*He has given clear standards in Scripture, and a free will to choose to follow and obey those standardsor to disobey them!!*