



# Playing Time

## CASE STUDY 7

Foster is an accomplished pianist. He studied music at The Juilliard School and graduated as a professional pianist. He recently joined a local church and has played a few special numbers on Sundays. Pastor Gannon, the music pastor, wants to schedule a concert by various musicians of the church to honor God and reach out to the community.

Foster has agreed to take part in the concert, but he wants at least two-thirds of the concert devoted to his playing. He believes the concert would be a waste of time otherwise. No one else in the church is talented enough to carry the concert by him- or herself. Foster wants the concert to leave a lasting impression on the visitors.

Pastor Gannon is considering Foster's request. He wants to put on a quality concert, but he also wants to make sure the concert is all about God.

1. Who got the credit for the Israelites' victory over Ai (Joshua 8:30–35)?
2. Evaluate Foster's attitude. Where do his real desires lie?
3. What counsel would you give to Pastor Gannon?
4. How can you worship God by your life? What can you do to draw attention away from yourself and toward God?