

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

SING A SONG!

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The Purpose of Singing!

- UPWARD
 - PRAISE THE LORD!
- Hymn – Greek word “humnos” – a song in praise of
- PRAISE GOD in song – Psalm 30:4, Psalm 47:6-7
 - Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.
Psalm 30:4
 - Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise. Psalm 47:6-7
- LET US Sing – Psalm 95:1
 - Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

The Purpose of Singing!

- Sing a New Song – Psalm 98:1
 - Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- Proclamation of salvation – Psalm 96:2
 - Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.
- Examples of singing to God!
 - David – Psalm 28:6-7; 59:16-17
 - Praise be to the Lord, for he has heard my cry for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.
 - But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble. You are my strength, I sing praise to you; you, God, are my fortress, my God on whom I can rely.
 - Paul and Silas – Acts 16:25
 - About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.
- GOD IS WORTHY OF OUR PRAISE

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- OUTWARD

- Directed to each other (Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19)
 - Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.
 - speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,

- To teach and admonish one another

- It grows us to God and to one another.

The Purpose of Singing!

- INWARD
 - It fills and enriches us
- Personal benefit
 - My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you— I whom you have delivered. Psalm 71:23
 - Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him! Psalm 147:1
- Fills our Spirit
 - Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, Ephesians 5:18-19
- Grows us in the word
 - Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Colossians 3:16

The Preparation of Singing!

- MIND – 1 Corinthians 14:15
 - So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding.
- HEART – Matthew 15:7-9; Matthew 22:37
 - You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: ““These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.””
 - Jesus replied: ““Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’
- With EVERYTHING - Psalm 103:1
 - Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

"I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being."

Psalm 104:33

*"Praise the Lord! For it is good to
sing praises to our God; For it is
pleasant, and praise is beautiful."*

Psalm 147:1