

**Series: Why We Do What We Do**

**Singing In Worship  
1 Corinthians 14:15-16**

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- 1. Singing praise to God is only one of the essential elements of biblical worship. However, music is often a battleground in the modern church.**
  - 2. We live in a time unprecedented in church history. In my lifetime I have witnessed the birth of a new industry, Christian entertainment.**
  - 3. In the final analysis, it's not what makes me happy. It's what makes God happy.**
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- I. The Essential Elements of True Worship. John 4:23-24, "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."**
    - A. True worship involves the heart and mind. "God is spirit..."**
      - 1. "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."  
Matthew 18:20**
    - B. True worship is in spirit. "His worshipers must worship in spirit..."**
    - C. True worship is based on truth. "His worshipers must worship in ...truth."**
  - II. Essential Elements of Singing Praises to God. Ephesians 5:19, "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord."**
    - A. There are two primary passages in the New Testament that teach us about how the church is to sing praises to God.**
    - B. Colossians 3:16 tells us to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly."**
  - III. Three Words That Define Our Worship in Song. Colossians 3:15-16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."**
    - A. Psalms.**
    - B. Hymns.**
    - C. Spiritual Songs.**
  - IV. What Are We To Accomplish In Our Song Worship?**
    - A. First, singing is an important part of our worship.**
    - B. Second, the message of the music is more important than the melody.**
    - C. Third, the content of the lyrics must match our doctrine.**
    - D. Fourth, there is room for variety, type, and style.**
    - E. Fifth, all of our songs are to edify the congregation.**