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THE MOTIVATION FOR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

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INT: Church is always only one generation from total apostacy. Youth always seeking overthrow of status quo: we're wiser!

III. Students at Christian colleges overheard asking:

What's wrong with Inst. Music? Heard little about it

SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIAN LIFE: Made up of great principles and attitudes based on the Word of God. KNOWLEDGE.

I. THE SOURCE OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IN CHRISTIAN WORSHIP?

- 1. Does God Command it? No. Not one has ever suggested such
- 2. Does God Permit it? Area of great dispute today.
- 3. Does God Condemn it? Bible-believing men believe so.

II. GOD RULES THIS EARTH BY CERTAIN UNALTERABLE TRUTHS.

- 1. Prov. 1:7 The Fear of the Lord is the beginning...
- 2. Prov. 14:34. Righteousness exalteth a nation.....
- 3. Prov. 23:23. Buy the truth and sell it not and.....
- 4. Prov. 29:18. Where there is no vision my people.....
- 5. Ecc. 4:13. Better is a poor and wise child.....
- 6. Ecc. 9:10. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do.....
- 7. Ecc. 12:13-14. Let us hear the conclusion.....

III. GOD WARNS MAN AGAINST TRYING TO RUN GOD'S WORLD MAN'S WAY.

- 1. Prov. 13:15. Good understanding giveth favor.. transgress
- 2. Prov. 14:12. There is a way that seemeth right.
- 3. Prov. 15:3 . The eyes of the Lord.....
- 4. Prov. 15:8. The sacrifice of the wicked....
- 5. Prov. 16:18. Pride goeth before destruction
- 6. Prov. 21:2. Every way of a man is right.....
- 7. Prov. 22:28. Remove not the ancient landmarks.

IV. ONE LANDMARK REMOVED BY MANY: Simple Christian Singing!!!

- 1. Bible is simple and clear on what God wants.
 - a. Eph. 5:19. Make the melody in instrument of the heart
 - b. Col. 3:16. Sing, with grace in your hearts.
 - c. Heb. 2:12. In midst of church will I sing praises.

V. ADDITION OF MECHANICAL INSTRUMENT VIOLATES GOD'S TRUTH.

- 1. Changes show no fear of Lord. Pr 1:7. Said sing! Play!
- 2. Alteration does not exalt nation. 14:34. Sing! Yet, play.
- 3. Adding to, not the truth. 23:23. Said sing. Men play.
- 4. Inventions violate vision. 29:18. See too much-play.
- 5. Innovations violate admonitions. 4:13. Sing! Play.
- 6. Variations dampen enthusiasm. 9:10. Sin enthusiastically.
- 7. Those who do not fear God will do anything. 12:13-14.

INT: Matter of the Heart, Attitude and Knowledge. Those who KNOW better, heart right, DO better.

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