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APPENDIX:

Music

I. Purpose of Christian Music:

- A. To bring glory to God -- 1 Cor. 10:31
"Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."
- B. For the sake of Jesus -- Col. 3:17
"And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."

II. Attitude of Christian Music:

- A. With joy ("Shout joyfully") -- Psa. 95:1
"O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD, Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation."
- B. From the heart ("break forth") -- Psa. 98:4
"Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; break forth and sing for joy and sing praises."
- C. Singing praises ("sing praises") -- Psa. 147:7
"Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; Sing praises to our God on the lyre."
- D. Causing believer to worship ("and bowed down and worshipped") -- 2 Chron. 29:30
"Moreover, King Hezekiah and the officials ordered the Levites to sing praises to the LORD with the words of David and Asaph the seer. So they sang praises with joy, and bowed down and worshipped."
- E. Focusing on proper things -- Phil. 4:8
"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things."



III. Types of Christian Music:

- A. Psalms -- Col. 3:16
- B. Hymns -- Col. 3:16
- C. Spiritual songs -- Col. 3:16

IV. Warning Against Secular Music:

- A. Expose it to the light -- Eph. 5:13
"But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light."
- B. Do not be taken captive by it -- Col. 2:8
"See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ."