

# Biblical Principles for Deciding Personal Music Choices

Gerard's Law: For nearly 100 years, \_\_\_\_\_

Is it possible to become a Christian and your music remain unchanged? Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ of our music.

## I. BIBLICAL CATEGORIES OF CHOICES

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A. Choices We Must \_\_\_\_\_ Snuffy Smith: "Thou shalt not that."  
The Bible does not define any kind of music as \_\_\_\_\_

B. Choices We Must \_\_\_\_\_ Snuffy Smith: "Thou shalt this."  
Ephesians 5:18-19 and Colossians 3:16 teach that we must include in our musical choices:

1) Psalms: being with \_\_\_\_\_; end with \_\_\_\_\_

2) Hymns: focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_

3) Spiritual songs: \_\_\_\_\_ set to music; today include \_\_\_\_\_

C. Choices We May Use when \_\_\_\_\_ Snuffy Smith: "Yore Call."  
Choices in this area are \_\_\_\_\_; the \_\_\_\_\_ area between black and white.  
The BIG mistake: thinking that because the Bible doesn't forbid it, that means that it is automatically \_\_\_\_\_

## II. BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES ABOUT MATTERS OF CONSCIENCE (THE GREY AREA)

"All things are lawful for me": a maxim of Paul that teaches that \_\_\_\_\_

In 1 Corinthians this phrase is a clue that Paul is talking about \_\_\_\_\_

A. Does This Musical Choice \_\_\_\_\_? Does It Make Me \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Co. 6:12  
"Helpful" = \_\_\_\_\_

B. Does This Musical Choice \_\_\_\_\_? Is This Music \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Co. 6:12  
"All things are in my \_\_\_\_\_, but I shall not be brought under the \_\_\_\_\_ of any.

1) Is music addictive? No and Yes! \_\_\_\_\_

2) So we must develop our consciences and decide music on a \_\_\_\_\_ basis.

C. Does This Musical Choice \_\_\_\_\_? Is It OK for Me, but Not \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Co. 10:23  
"I would rather not listen to any music AT ALL, then for my music to cause \_\_\_\_\_"

D. Does This Musical Choice \_\_\_\_\_? Can I \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Co 10:31

1) How can I tell? Ask yourself, "Do I feel embarrassed that the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_?"

2) There is nothing wrong with listening to music as a form of \_\_\_\_\_

3) Another question: Can I say, "Thank you, Lord, for the gift of \_\_\_\_\_"

4) We must not confuse the gift and Giver; music becomes an \_\_\_\_\_ when we lose sight of the Giver

E. Does This Musical Choice \_\_\_\_\_? Am I Really Being \_\_\_\_\_ Rom. 14:22-23