

Why We Do Not Play The Instrument In Worship

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There are additional reasons we sing and do not play mechanical instruments in our worship. These have to do with the fact that the playing of mechanical instruments of music in worship cannot meet the demands of worship as revealed in the Scriptures. Take note of the following:

- Playing the instrument does not and cannot teach as is required by *Colossians 3:16* which says: *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."*
- Playing the instrument does not and cannot admonish as is required by *Colossians 3:16* with says: *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."*
- Playing the mechanical instrument cannot give understanding as is required by *1 Cor. 14:15*, *"What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."*
- The mechanical instrument cannot make melody in the heart as is required by *Eph. 5:19* which says: *"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;"*
- It cannot be done "in truth" as required by Jesus in *John 4:23-24* which says: *"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."*
- The instrument can not be used "by faith" as required by *2 Cor. 5:7* which says: *"For we walk by faith, not by sight"* and *Romans 1:17* which says *"...As it is written, The just shall live by faith".* *Romans 10:17* which says: *"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"* tells us how we receive that faith.

No doubt there are a number of preachers who claim to be "gospel preachers" who preach at places where mechanical instruments of music are

not used in the public worship of the church who say something like this: "I do not advocate its use" or "I would not want the instruments brought in", etc., but who would also add "but I would not go so far as to say that "It is sinful." This gospel preacher is not one of them! The use of the mechanical instrument in worship is a sinful practice. Why? Notice the following:

- Playing mechanical instruments of music in worship is sinful because the Lord Jesus Christ never authorized it in His Testament! To practice a thing with out scriptural authority is to practice lawlessness (iniquity) and those who do so will be told to depart from the Lord as workers of iniquity in the judgment according to *Matthew 7:21-23* which says: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."
- It is sinful because the Holy Spirit has not revealed it. The Holy Spirit was to guide the apostles into "all truth" according to *John 16:13* which says: "*Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*"
- To play a mechanical instrument in worship is sinful because the apostles never commanded nor authorized the use of mechanical instruments of music in public worship. A thing may be authorized by a precept (command or a statement), an approved example or by a necessary implication. The use of instrumental music in worship is not authorized in any of these three ways. Hence, to use them is sinful.
- No inspired man ever taught it. There is nothing in the New Testament to even remotely suggest that an inspired man taught that "playing in worship is pleasing to God."
- There is no inspired record where any early Christians ever played mechanical instruments of music in their public worship assemblies! Neither is there an Old Testament prophecy that Christians would (or are authorized to) play mechanical instruments of music in their worship assemblies.