

## Biblical Principles for Good Christian Music – Eph. 5:18-21

1. **Maintains Sacredness** – It is holy and spiritual, not for entertainment (Eph. 5:18-19). **Sacred** means holy; consecrated to God and His service; entitled to reverence.
2. **Message of the Song** – It emphasizes melody, not rhythm (Eph. 5:19) – the message is more important than the music – the message of the music must match the message of the lyrics.
3. **Magnifies the Saviour** – It is Christ-centered and in the Name of the Lord (Eph. 5:20; Exo. 15:1).
4. **Moves to Submission** – It produces a submissive attitude (Eph. 5:21), not rebellious.
5. **Must be Separate** – It is separate from the world (Col. 3:1-16; Eph. 5:8, 11; Psa. 40:1-3).

## Why we Reject Contemporary Christian Music (CCM)

1. **Compromising** – It is Worldly (2 Cor. 6:14-18; James 4:4) – it promotes the idea of being like the world in order to win the world – entertainment – CCM artists want their music to be acceptable to the world. 2 Tim. 4:3-4. They say, “I don’t like that old, negative, judgmental Christianity.” The Bible commands us to *judge righteous judgment* (John 7:24). The believer is supposed to judge teachers (Mat. 7:15-20; Phi. 3:17-19), to judge doctrine (Rom. 16:17-18; 1 Tim. 1:3), to judge sin in the church (1 Cor. 5:1-13), to judge evil works of darkness (Eph. 5:11), and to judge the things of the world (Rom. 12:2; 1 John 2:15-16). While it is wrong to judge hypocritically (Mat. 7:1-5) and it is wrong to judge based on personal opinion and the Bible’s silence (Rom. 14:1-12), it is right to take God’s Word and judge everything by it. The believer is to judge whether or not a song is spiritual or worldly. In fact, the Bible says that *he that is spiritual judgeth ALL things* (1 Cor. 2:15).
2. **Confusing** – It emphasizes the music instead of the message, and has a vague, unclear, meaningless message! The focus is on the lyrics being artistic, and the songs become obscure and retain no spiritual value. Tit. 2:1-10. Most CCM artists and supporters use modern translations and hold to corrupt doctrines. Most CCM artists when asked about their musical influence will mention many secular rock and roll bands, and most include the Beatles in their list. There’s no such thing as “Christian Rock,” for then you would have “Christian Prostitution” and “Christian drug abuse!” Tit. 2:11-13. Some CCM artists open concerts with secular rock songs, promoting to our young people that it is okay to listen to worldly rock music (and it is not).
3. **Conceited** – It is Man-Centered & Addictive – creates a taste for sensual music that acts like a musical drug – has a “feel-good” message that pleases the flesh (Gal. 5:16-17) – rock music creates and produces strong, emotional experiences – “all about me” and rebellion – dressed like the world and have haircuts and piercings and tattoos that draw attention to themselves (Mat. 16:24).
4. **Careless** – It is Ecumenical – there is strong Roman Catholic Church (RCC) support for CCM – many CCM artists often mention how their music “bridges the gap” or “breaks down walls” among denominational lines (We can’t co-exist with the RCC) – this is the apostate one-world “church,” and CCM is being used to build it. One of the most popular CCM artists among independent Baptists that allow this corrupt music in their churches (and in their vehicles) is Casting Crowns. They have a song entitled, “What This World Needs,” in which they attack every King James Bible-believing, fundamental church. They sing that “this world doesn’t need my denomination or my translation of the Bible, they just need Jesus,” which means it really doesn’t matter what you believe or what Bible you use! Sorry, Casting Crowns, but what this world needs is the truth of the KJB!
5. **Charismatic** – Many CCM artists conduct signs & wonders conferences (Mat. 12:39-40) and power healing conferences and practice being slain in the spirit, etc. (1 Cor. 13:8-10, sign gifts ceased), where many catholic priests are in attendance. This apostate movement promotes CCM music and false doctrine, and many are being caught up in it in these last days! Eph. 4:1-6. BEWARE!!!