



COLOSSIANS 3

Colossians 3:14-17 (ESV)

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.** ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Sing to God for His Glory and Your Good

Lens 1: An Interpretive Lens - What does the Apostle Paul mean when he writes “psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs”, in Colossians 3 and Ephesians 5?

True worship is _____ apart from Christ and His Spirit.

The Apostle Paul paved the way for a _____ of songs to be sung in worship.

Psalm 95 has informed not only what we’ve sung, but Psalm 95 provided the _____ for our prayers and guided us to the sermon text.

On the wings of melody, hymns beautifully _____ doctrine and devotion.

Some interpret “spiritual songs” as an “ode to a breath.” Or, a song sung for the _____ or a season as the Spirit leads.

God wired _____ into the DNA of human beings primarily as a response to Him, and to encourage those who sing.



Lens 2: The Purpose Lens - Why do we sing?

God wired human beings to sing because He is a _____.

God's command "_____" is one of the most frequently articulated commands in Scripture just under the commands to "fear not," and "to bear fruit."

If you can _____, you can sing.

We were _____ to sing because we were made to sing by our singing God!

Lens 3: A Cautionary Lens

We must be very careful not to conflate or _____ our understanding of worship with music or musical style.

Other than the word, "worship," what is the common word in all of the above definitions? _____.

Worship is our response to God who _____ Himself to us.

What word is curiously missing from these definitions? _____

Worship was never meant to divide God's people, it was always meant to _____ them!

We don't gather around music, we gather around _____ who never changes and His word never returns void.

Lens 4: An Application Lens

1. Singing is directly related to bearing _____
Singing and bearing fruit are signs of our growing _____
and a key part in the means of our sanctification.

2. Singing is a weapon in defending and _____ the evil one.

The story of Jehoshaphat reminds us that God has appointed the use of spiritual songs as an effective _____ against his archenemy, Satan.

Bible Reading Plan

2 Kings 11 - 2 Kings 12 - 2 Kings 13 - 2 Kings 14 - 2 Kings 15

Memory Verse

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6 (ESV)