



Singing

Col 3:16

I) Word of Christ richly dwell

- A) Filled with the Spirit - Eph 5:18
- B) Better singers through Bible study - 1 Cor 14:15

II) Teaching and admonishing

- A) With all wisdom - insight - shows the importance of the song leader, a good voice is not most important consideration - Jas 1:5
- B) Teaching - song must be Biblical
- C) Admonishing - includes the idea of encouragement, like "He lives!" - Jas 5:13
- D) One another - collective worship by its nature is for the edification of all - Heb 10:23,24 - must be loud enough to be heard by others; is it only a coincidence that Jesus and disciples closed with a song - Mt 26:30

III) Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs

- A) Definitions
 - 1- psalms - song of praise from the heart
 - 2- hymns - laud in song
 - 3- spiritual song - ode - common word for song
- B) Songs are have purpose, particularly to praise God and enhance our spirit

IV) In your hearts

- A) Thanksgiving - true appreciation for God and His blessings to us - Eph 5:20; Ex 15:1-18
- B) Making melody with the heart, with emotion - Jas 5:13

V) To God

- A) Directed to God - thank the source of blessings - Jas 1:17,18
- B) Even the one another part is to direct them to God

Conclusion: Good singing is not measured by the harmony in the voices, but the melody in the heart. Good singing is spirited, scriptural, edifying to one another, and praises our God.