

## **Biblical Principles and Motivation for Worship Team Members**

If worship is to be God-centered, then those who lead should be motivated by a pursuit of God and leading the congregation to bring Him glory. If worship is to be in spirit and in truth, then those who lead should have an inward pursuit of God, based on and in response to His truth, and not merely outward rituals or expressions. If worship is to be authentic, then those that lead must be believers and pursuing Christ with their lives. Anything less is vain worship. Our goal should be to seek and experience the powerful manifestation of the glory of God in our lives and in the gatherings of the body of Christ. Those who lead should have the capacity to understand and assist in this pursuit.

Therefore, the characteristics that are important for those who are lead worshipers could be summarized by the following three qualities – a heart for God, a heart for the team, and a heart for the congregation.

### **Heart For God**

True worship leading will come from a heart that is passionately pursuing God. Being on the worship team is not about entertaining people. We can play all of the right notes, sing all the right words, and be expressive and demonstrative in our presentation – and it can all be a complete farce. If our leading does not come from a genuine heart for God, God does not accept it. It is hypocrisy. His Word is absolutely clear on this.

Our heart for God is demonstrated by authentic and genuine worship, humility, reverence, being Spirit led and empowered, having our focus and vision on God and bringing glory to Him, etc.

1 Samuel 16:7; Psalm 2:11; Psalm 42:1-2; Psalm 51:15-17; Psalm 63:1-5; Psalm 111:10; Psalm 115:1; Proverbs 1:7; Proverbs 9:10; Proverbs 28:26; Ecclesiastes 12:13; Isaiah 42:8; Matthew 15:8-9; Luke 12:1; John 4:20-26; Acts 4:13; Acts 5:1-14; Acts 6:1-7; Acts 8:14-24; Acts 17:24-28; Acts 19:13-16; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5; 1 Corinthians 5:6; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Galatians 5:9; Philippians 3:7-11; Ephesians 5:18-20; Colossians 3:1-4; Hebrews 12:1-2; Hebrews 12:28; James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5-6

### **Heart For the Worship Team**

Working together, leading worship, there is a tremendous amount of time is spent together. We need to be able to work together with grace and humbleness, considering the needs of others above our own. It is absolutely essential that we be able to serve and work together in unity, striving toward the goal of pursuing God in worship. If the focus becomes ourselves or our own personal preferences and priorities, the effect could be devastating to the entire team and, therefore, the church. As we minister together, the passionate pursuit of God and an unwavering commitment to the love and care for the body of Christ is a powerful tool in God's hands.

Our heart for the worship team is demonstrated by a teachable spirit, forgiveness, charity, humility, encouragement, submission to one another in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, valuing each other's time commitment by being on time to practices and meetings, etc.

Acts 2:32-35; Galatians 5:9; Ephesians 5:21; Philippians 2:1-11; Philippians 3:12-16; Colossians 3:12-16

### **Heart For the Congregation**

As a worship team, we exist for the purpose of leading others to worship God. We have the responsibility to lead by word, song, expression, and actions. We are issuing an invitation to those that are hungry for God. We are seeking to provide an atmosphere and opportunity, for those that come seeking God, to experience the joy and satisfaction of worshipping Him together with brothers and sisters in Christ. We do not participate on the team with the primary goal of getting to play and sing music, using whatever musical abilities we may have. Our primary goal is to lead people in worship. We are also issuing an invitation to those that don't come hungering for God. We want to give them a taste of something that maybe they have never had before or something that they have not experienced in a long while – the presence and glory and grace of the Almighty God. Our goal is that the church would worship and experience the living God and that they would be edified.

Our heart for the congregation is demonstrated through engaging and inviting worship, being hospitable, friendly, connected, authentic, and transparent worship leadership. It is modeled through leading others in adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. It is shown by our desire to see them worship the Lord and experience fullness in Him and leading them by example.

Ephesians 1:15-21; Ephesians 3:14-21; Philippians 2:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13