

Sermon Title: “**Singing As An Act Of Worship**”

Sermon Text: *Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19*

Introduction:

- Biblical stewardship is the use of God-given **resources** for the accomplishment of God-given objectives.

*Christianity has always been a **singing faith!***

- *Matthew 26:30; Acts 16:25; I Corinthians 14:15; James 5:13; Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:18-19*
- There are at least **7 reasons** why singing matters to God both in the life of a Christian and in the life of the church:

I. When You Sing, You Are **Obeying God** (*Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19*)

- What is the context that surrounds **Colossians 3:16**?
- *Singing isn't an **option** in Scripture - it is a **command!***
- Singing is more about the **condition** of our **hearts** than it is the quality our **voices!**

II. When You Sing, You Are Allowing God's Word To Take **Root In Your Life** (*Colossians 3:16*)

- There are **2** ways that we allow God's Word to control us: **1)** through **teaching**, and **2)** through **singing**.
- *Singing is much more than just a **warm-up** for the sermon or a **filler** in a worship service!*
- What is the effect of what we sang together today?

III. When You Sing, You **Build Up Others** (*Ephesians 5:19*)

- As spirit led believers one of our responsibilities is to **speak** or **proclaim** spiritual truth to one another in the form of “*psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.*”
- *Psalm 105:1-2*

“Think of the impact on somebody who doesn't know Christ when they hear hundreds of testimonies and hundreds of confessions of faith as we sing together!”

IV. When You Sing, You're Being **Equipped For Battle** (*Colossians 3:5-9*)

- Cultivating these godly habits of teaching and singing will help you to **kill sin** in your life!
- *Ephesians 5:16*
- Next to **prayer**, there's virtually nothing that the enemy hates any more than a believer who is **singing praises** to God!

V. When You Sing, You Are Being Spiritually Strengthened For Trials (Acts 16:25)

- Singing strengthens you & helps you to persevere in the face of trials!

“If singing could strengthen Paul and Silas in the face of their trials, then just imagine what will it do for you.”

- *Even in times suffering, sing!*

VI. When You Sing, You’re Walking A Pathway To Joy

- *Psalms 5:11; 9:2; 51:14; 59:16 63:7*

- As you study the Bible you’ll notice that sometimes singing gives birth to joy and sometimes joy gives birth to singing.

- *In the Bible joy and singing are inseparably bound together!*

VII. When You Sing, You Glorify God! (Ephesians 5:19)

- *The chief goal and purpose of the life of every believer is to glorify God, and in His sovereign plan God has ordained, that in part, our singing would be a means to that end!*

- *Ephesians 5:19*

“In this age of constant distraction, singing grabs the attention of all our senses and focuses us on Almighty God!”

- *Revelation 7:9-12*

Conclusion:

- Together let us strive to make our singing more pleasing to our Master and more edifying to each other!

Remember, True Worshipers Sing!