

Singing To The Lord & One Another

When We Sing

- **Colossians 3:16** *"Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God."*
- **Ephesians 5:17-19** *"So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;"*

Teaching A Spiritual Message

- **Deuteronomy 31:19-20** " "Now therefore, write this song for yourselves, and teach it to the sons of Israel; put it on their lips, so that this song may be a witness for Me against the sons of Israel. "For when I bring them into the land flowing with milk and honey, which I swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and are satisfied and become prosperous, then they will turn to other gods and serve them, and spurn Me and break My covenant." "

Singing Together

- What Must We Know To Sing Together?
 - The Words: Moses was told to write them down and teach them to Israel. We have songbooks.
 - The Tune: Gregorian Chant? All Together? In Round? Four-Part Harmony? The Tune is not specified for us, we have freedom to choose.
 - When To Start: Or each of us is singing on our own rather than together.
 - When To Stop: The goal is unity in singing together with a true message.

What Is Song Leader Doing?

- Choosing songs to convey a message.
- Choosing the best pitch and giving everyone their starting notes.
- Choosing and setting a consistent tempo for all to follow.
- Giving a signal for all to start.
- Giving directions for holds and verses.
- Giving a signal for all to stop.

What Is The Church Doing?

- Watching and listening to the directions of the song leader.
- Listen for your starting note.
- Start singing when the leader signals start.
- Follow the tempo set by the song leader.
- Stop singing when the leader signals stop.
- Remember that what we sing we sing to the Lord. It is an offering from each of our hearts to God. Treat it with the respect God is due.
- God understands we have to learn to sing and that talent isn't the most important part of our offering of song, it is a reverent and thankful heart.