

FIVE PRACTICES OF FRUITFUL CHRISTIANS
PASSIONATE WORSHIP

*The Biblical Foundations of Worship and Praise:
How to Lead Worship and Praise*

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How Not to Select a Worship Leader

- Because someone volunteers
- Because someone is sincere
- Because someone has a good heart
- Because someone sings, prays or testifies well
- Because we personally like someone
- Because someone has been in the church a long time
- Because someone has a particular office or position
- Because no one else is willing to do it
- Because we need to find something for somebody to do or because we want to encourage someone

Personality of worship leader

- Worship leader must be a worshipper himself or herself; must have a heart for worship
- The necessity of a spiritual walk with the Lord
- The importance of reputation in the fellowship
- Team rather than solo spirit
- Have positive attitude about **Church and Pastor**
- Have commitment to task and be able to give sacrifice of praise
- Needs to be creative
- Warmth in personality

Private Preparation

- Personal readiness for warfare and witness
- Reflect upon the particular occasion and audience

Purpose of leading in worship and praise

- Glorify God
- Inspire the saints
- Give direction: without a leader, sheep scatter
- Lay the groundwork for the word
- Soften the heart of the sinner
- Involve congregation in worship experience

Planning without permanence

- Necessity of a plan

- Necessity of flexibility

- Forethought and rehearsals do not work against spontaneity of Holy Spirit

Passion

- Warmth breeds warmth and coldness breeds coldness

- Heart for ministry of leading worship and praise

Perspective

- Place in context of total worship experience

- Issues of timing and decorum

Participation

- Other members of worship team

- Congregation itself

 - Selection of songs

 - Personal testimonies

 - Physical limitations of some

- Participation is not engendered or encouraged by a negative or fussing spirit

Persistence over distractions

- Noise and busyness in the sanctuary

- Difficult worship setting

- Congregation may not be in mood of worship

- Things that have happened in the course of the week that work against a spirit of worship

 - Disagreements

 - Gossip

 - Tragedy and loss

- Audio equipment

- Attacks by adversary upon the congregation

Presence (MANIFEST)