

“More than a Garnish: The Centrality of Music in Classical Christian Education”

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Music is Not An Elective in God’s Economy!

God Spoke SANG Creation Into Existence

Music is Central to Christian Living & Discipleship

“Biblical people were expected to be musicians; they were not expected to be able to read and write, because before Gutenberg, few people could or needed to. The Father seeks worshippers, not intellectuals. It is fine to be an intellectual, but we must be worshippers. And in the Bible, worship means the whole-personed participation that only music makes possible.”

—James B. Jordan from *The Case Against Western Civilization*

Everyone Can Sing, So Sing Daily!

Biblical Exhortations to Sing:

- Job 38:7
- Zephaniah 3:17
- Psalm 96:1
- Psalm 47:7
- Psalm 104:33
- Ephesians 5:17-21 & Colossians 3:16

What Does the State Lord Require of You?

Whole Personnel Participation Training

What is the Educational Goal if Worshippers are the Goal?

1. Provide a Singing Culture - *Schola cantorum* (Singing School)
2. Music Literacy for All Students (Teach it like the language it is)
 - Kodály trained music teachers a great place to start!