

Tips for Choosing Appropriate Worship Music

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Additional Considerations in Selecting Worship Songs

1. Does the collection of songs used in this service provide a well-rounded worship experience? (Are there songs of praise, adoration, devotion, prayer, proclamation, dedication, commitment, etc.?)
2. Is there a balance between objective and subjective songs?
3. Is there a balance between vertical direction and horizontal direction?
4. Is there a balance between songs that “reveal” and songs that “respond”?
5. Does corporate language predominate?
6. Does the collection of songs used in this service express the wide range of experience and emotion of the Christian life?
7. Does the collection of songs draw from various eras and styles of worship history?

Tips for Going about the Selection of Songs

- Bathe the process in prayer.
- Start with songs not yet incorporated into worship.
- Begin to slowly tackle songs that you presently sing (a few at a time).
- Let the weak ones drop out of your congregational song repertoire.
- Be pastoral in attitude: exhibit kindness, care, appreciation for all views, etc.