



7 Biblical Reasons Why Singing Matters

Have you ever wondered why God desires for his people to sing? What role should singing play in the life of a Christian? What is it about worshiping through song that is so important to God? You may not know it, but God has already answered these questions in the Bible. The seven reasons below answer these questions and unpack more important truths about singing in the life of an individual Christian and the church.

1. When you sing, you obey.

Singing isn't an option in scripture. It's a command. God's people are more than just invited to sing — we are commanded to sing. When we sing, we're doing what God asks of us. (Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 5:18-19)

2. When you sing, you dig deep roots into the Word.

The Apostle Paul lays out this exhortation to let God's Word dwell in us richly, and then, he tells us how to live out that command. The first, of course, is teaching. But the second is singing! (Colossians 3:16)

3. When you sing, you build up others.

First you build up fellow believers when you sing. Also know that as you sing, you are helping unbelievers. (Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:15-16, Psalm 105:1-2)

4. When you sing, you make war.

The Apostle Paul challenges Christians to literally put sin to death in their lives — to kill sin. A singing heart is a heart at war with the work of the evil one and the power of sin. (Ephesians 5:16)

5. When you sing, you are spiritually strengthened for trial.

Paul and Silas are unjustly imprisoned for the sake of the Gospel, and what do they do while they're in prison? Sing! (Acts 16:25)

6. When you sing, you walk a God-designed pathway to joy.

Sometimes singing gives birth to joy and sometimes joy gives birth to singing — but persistently in Scripture, joy and singing are bound together. (Psalms 63:7, James 5:13)

7. When you sing, you glorify God.

Singing has such a unique way of bringing your heart, soul, mind and strength together to focus entirely and completely on God. In an age of distraction, singing grabs the attention of all our senses and focuses us on God.

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