

Worship Space Magazine



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But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

John 4:23-24 (KJV)

Worship Space is an inter-denominational platform that aims to equip worshippers to become true worshippers of the one and true God.

This platform was launched on the 28th of September 2020 by Pastor Cleophas Tavaya, a passionate worship leader based in Zimbabwe. This came after a series of impressions from the Holy Spirit on developing such a platform where worshippers converge and share tips and experiences on how they can become true worshippers.

Renowned and seasoned worship leaders from across the globe with traceable work and lifestyles in ministry will be invited to share their journey in the ministry and give advice to worshippers.

By Him, For Him!!!



Pastor C. Tavaya

Worship Space Facilitator

Background: My name is Pastor Josh Kays. I am married to Pastor Lynn and we are blessed with two kids. I am an ordained Pastor at Global Word Ministries International under Prophet T.R Mugandani. I have six Albums to my name and an Award for the best song of the year Aripano 2016.

Worship is at the heart of God. If there is no worship there is no definition of who God is. Whenever we worship we are defining who God is. God respects Worship. Whenever music is released there is a transfer of spirits. The Bible says, when David would play his harp the spirit that was in Saul would check out. "And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him." 1 Samuel 16:23 (KJV) So when music is released there is liberation that takes place in the lives of people.

Worship is the highest office, which maybe even higher than the prophetic. You can stand as an Apostle or a Prophet, Priest whatever title you want to call yourself but worship does not need titles. Worship is not about titles or qualifications or where you are coming from. Worship levels the ground. When it is time for worship everything becomes equal. When you want to pray, the first thing you must do before anything is to worship God. Worship gives us the revelation of God's will.

When we worship order is established in our lives and the environment. Worship is the manifestation of God's presence in our midst. When that is worthy God comes down; that is worship. Worship brings down revelation, if there are things you are not understanding, God brings down revelation on those things and they become clear and plain. God reveals himself when we worship. When we worship we bring down the heavens. When we worship God, things there begin to incline towards us. When we worship we bring down the presence of God. I will abbreviate the word W.O.R.S.H.I.P as I define what it is all about and this will give a revelation which will help increase your understanding on this subject.

WILL - you can never be a true worshipper unless you understand the will of God. God reveals Himself and His will to true worshippers. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven (Mat 6:10 KJV)

OBEDIENCE - Obedience is better than sacrifice. Saul thought sacrifice would please God yet he was not. God is more interested in your obedience more than your sacrifice.

Obedience is a better level of worship than sacrifice. And Samuel said Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 1 Samuel 15:22 (KJV)

REVELATION - A worshipper must be a woman or man of great revelation. If I may ask, "HOW CAN YOU WORSHIP A GOD WHO HAS NOT REVEALED HIMSELF TO YOU?" You need to pray that you become a man and a woman of great revelation of the God you worship or serve.

SPIRITUAL - Jesus said to the woman at the well....now is the time that those who worship God shall worship in spirit and in truth. Romans 8:6 KJV For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. There is NO EXCUSE IN THE KINGDOM AND NO COMPROMISE TO BEING SPIRITUAL.

HUMILITY - Strangely some worshippers have somehow become the most pompous and arrogant people. If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chro 7:14 KJV We must join hands to call upon all true worshippers to pray for the spirit of HUMILITY and for the healing of our Land.

INTIMACY- A true worshipper needs to have continual and intimate relationship with the HOLY SPIRIT. You will create and spend time talking and sharing together with the one you love most.

PROPHETIC - EVERY WORSHIPPER MUST BE PROPHETIC. DAVID was a worshipper, a king and a prophet. He prophesied more about the coming of our Lord and savior JESUS CHRIST through the Psalms. May God increase your territory and May He give you grace to reach out to millions. May you be used as a prophetic voice through hymns, psalms and spiritual songs.



Background: I am Prosper Mateva and I love God and the His people and I love to minister to God's people. I'm a founding Pastor of Spirit and Power Ministries based in Pretoria SA. I was born and raised in Gweru - Zimbabwe and I moved to South Africa in 2008. My music journey started when I was young and would minister in church but in the year 2000, that is when I began to do music professionally. I worked with a group in Zimbabwe before I moved to SA. When I moved to SA I started my solo career. I am married to Gillian Mateva and we both serve in the Kingdom of God. Well, growing up, I was so inspired by many ministers. I never was an entertainer and I had dream to be a minister. Not that there is something bad with entertainment, but I always felt I was a minister. I was inspired by men like Pastor Micah Mafukidze and Pastor Didymus Mareyanadzo. House of David Band was also powerful and inspiring. I would see blind eyes open, the lame walking while they sang and I realized there is more to this. My hunger for the supernatural grew. I wanted to see results. I was tired of just singing as a time pusher. I wanted more. I began to pray more.

I believe when Jesus said go ye therefore and preach, he never specified how. Whether I speak or sing the Word, I should get the same results. Many worshippers think that they are just time-pushers waiting for the preacher! No! There is power in praise and worship! So much power. There is nothing more fulfilling like seeing the bible coming alive while you minister. I began to see people giving their lives to Jesus while I sang. I began to see demons manifesting and people getting healed and delivered. Ask and receive, Seek and find, Knock and the door will be opened. What you seek you will find. Doors began to open. I began to share the stage with the great, like ZIMPRAISE, Bishop Benjamin Dube, Keke, Sikho Ngwenya and many more. My music began to be played on radio and Television channels in South Africa (IGospel), Botswana and Kenya.)

It all began by a hunger that grew by being exposed to great ministers. *Who do you surround yourself with? Who speaks into your life? Who mentors you? Every Mary must meet their Elizabeth. When you meet your Elizabeth, something will jump inside you. Many worshippers do not know that expectancy is the breeding ground for miracles.*

What do you expect to witness when you minister? What do you see on Saturday night before you stand before people on Sunday? All this will lead you to begin to align your spirit with the Spirit of God. Every worshipper should hunger so much for God and seek Him until He allows you to even get the Sunday Service before Sunday arrives!



The gifts will open doors for you but a stinking character and lifestyle will cause you to be kicked out! 2 Kings 5:25 He went in and stood before his master. Elisha said, where have you been, Gehazi? He said, your servant went nowhere. I always have a challenge. Many worship leaders want to lead people where they have never been. You can only lead people where you have gone before. So many times we speak about the presence of God that we do not even know. We make people raise their hands but we never raise our hands in private to God. We jump in front of people but we never jump before God ourselves. I cannot lead people where I have never been. Praise and Worship is very important. You cannot base on the gift and think it will sustain you. Learn to balance the gifts of the Spirit and the Fruits of the Spirit.

I place a high demand on sacrifice. Worship is costly. It will cost you your life. It will cost you time, finances and physical effort. Prepare as if it is only up to you and pray as if it's all up to God. Many worship teams have no consistency. They don't know that even our bodies serve. Warm up your voice every morning. Watch your diet (you might collapse on stage). Some want to jump on stage yet they never jog or exercise at home. Don't rehearse in a hurry. Know your voice strength and develop it. In the rehearsal, give quality time to pray and let everyone develop their skill. Playing or singing. The Worship leader must come prepared. Give songs in advance. Audios or videos. It helps to make the rehearsal easy. Know your team. Know their voice strength and harvest from each. On the spiritual side, have days for prayer and fasting. In addition, attend seminars on Praise and Worship.

Background I am Dr. Comfort Manyame who started worship leading (although we didn't call it that at the time) when I was in high school at Ellis Robins Boys' High in the 90's. I was part of our Scripture Union leadership where I led most of the 'singing' and then later on at the University of Zimbabwe where I was the Music Director for the AFM on campus group in the late 90s. That is where I can say I also started writing songs more while at that same time 'leading' in our local AFM church in Greendale. Choral groups, various singing groups, church, college were important aspects in my early years learning how to lead the people of God in worship and songs. I am still learning! I moved to the USA in 2003 and this has become my primary home I have been a worship leader for the majority of the time I have been here.

How do you maintain a balance between Worship life with work and family? It is not easy but over the years I have tried to strive for ONE, which means my work, my family, my 'ministry' etc all play part into who I am on a daily basis. Where there is no Comfort the worshiper, then Comfort the scientist, then Comfort the dad/husband, then Comfort the singer/songwriter. This is easier said than done but I think that's what has helped me a lot. I have tried to break the 'boxes' that I could easily find myself. And however the short answer to this question is. It is not easy but it is possible. You have to be intentional about it. In short it means my colleagues at work are not surprised when they see me on TV leading worship or singing or talking about music and on other hand my church folks are not surprised when they see some publications that are work-related and I have authored. As well my kids are not confused about my identity, they realize I am all those things.

What are some of the key aspects and values that have kept you going in this ministry? Being a Christian first and all; knowing that God has called me and equipped me to execute on that call; knowing that everything else but what is done for HIM is vanity; not making man's applause or disapproval affect the way I look at myself or what God has called me to do. The list is endless. Bottom line is knowing that He has called me to do what I am doing and being so mindful of how I need to be faithful in the calling.... and this applies to every aspect of my life including songwriting and recording the songs He has given me. Oh and by the way when I say being a Christian first and foremost I am assuming we all know/agree this means we read the word, we are filled

with His Holy Spirit, we live it out and not just talk about it and all those things that make us Christ-like. When we do this, this spills into every aspect of our lives including the music/worship etc. So in short, consistency in ministry is not attainable if we are not consistent in our private walk with our Christ. There is no amount of public display of worship that can substitute what needs to be done in private.

What are some of the challenges that you have encountered in ministry and how have you overcome these? Oh I have faced some challenges along the way, one of the biggest ones that I think most of us face is **discouragement!** Not from outside but from within. This usually happens when I do not see what I think I should be seeing as FRUIT for my efforts. This is a big one. What is outside cannot affect you as much as what is inside. HOWEVER, to get past this, I always go back to my calling and the victories I have had in the past as reminders. There are several times I have felt like giving up writing and recording, and just when I am ready to throw the towel, I get a message from someone who tells me they just lost their mom and my song helped them to go through the process and suddenly I am reminded that God has a way of working through the worship and music in a way that I may not even know. My job is to faithfully execute the call and God is responsible for what happens next, so be encouraged. So when you feel discouraged, remember why you are doing what you are doing. God has CALLED you and there no two copies of YOU, which means only you can do what God has required to be done by YOU. That should encourage you to pick yourself and run again...

Support System: My support system is a bit large BUT my wife has supported me all the way, she upholds me in prayer like crazy and she deserves a lot of credit especially for encouraging me and making sure I do not become blind to what God is doing because maybe sometimes the natural is presenting me with some nasty facts of an incomplete work. We need people who speak positively into our lives concerning our calling and ministry. It could be a spouse, a family member, a friend, a mentor etc it does not matter who, but we all need a supporting cast. You cannot do it alone; you need others. Pray and pick wisely the people who speaks into your life and allow them.

What can you give as advice to some growing musicians and worship leaders? This is advice I give myself and hopefully you can find useful: The sound of your

voice should never be more important than the voice of the Holy Spirit. Ecclesiastes 5 talks about our words being few, I love that scripture. Most of us want to hear ourselves (sing, speak etc) and in the process we drown what is really important that is the voice/sound of heaven. Christ should always be the reason why we write, sing songs, lead others in worship, not our own personal ambition. I am not BRAND and never will be. It is all for Christ's name and fame not mine. The songs that I write are a response to what God is saying to me and the church and for His worship and or for the edification of His church AND not for my own personal ambition. Oh the list is endless, but these are some of the things I tell myself on a regular basis so that I can stay grounded and safe from erring and 'poisoning the well of my heart' and BE HUMBLE!!!!

I can also share a personal experience that changed my outlook in a very big way. Several years ago I was fortunate to attend a worship leading seminar by probably a worship leader here in the USA who has impacted me the most by the name Jason Upton. At the end of the two day services, I went up to him and asked him to pray for me and impart on me what God had deposited in him also. He prayed a very simple prayer with very simple words which up to now mean the world to me. He simply said, "Lord REIGN IN COMFORT!!!!" That was it. And that is enough. It is about Jesus and when He reigns in us, our worship and worship leading will be on another level. Our songwriting will be on another level. SO LORD I PRAY REIGN IN US!!!!

Is it good to brand yourself? We hear prominent people in ministry saying something along those lines to the extent of even isolating yourself from other ministers. Perhaps to preserve the seed in you? I am sure for some people it is good, just not for me, I have not yet been given that grace by my Father to become a 'Brand'. I will continue to promote His Name and fame without the distractions of trying to make people know "Comfort". I am also one of those people who believe that God will take the music where it needs to go and I can testify that I have seen that come in play (in USA and other places) with what God is doing in me. There is no right/wrong way to do it by the way, and I can never be the judge of what branding means or whether it is right for Christian Artists etc. I believe true Christian Artists hear the voice of the Spirit, so let that voice be their guide, and we never judge. What are our personal

convictions?, What is God saying in us? So if we hear His voice and obey then we are doing what He wants in and for us.

One of your strengths is composing great songs.

What is the secret to this strength?

Songwriting is a topic on its own. Songwriting, in my experience, is hard work.

God gives us inspiration if we are listening. That seems to be the easier part BUT transforming that inspiration into an actual song I think there is work to be done. They say songwriting is 10% inspiration and 90% PERSPIRATION. This means 90% requires our working at it continuously. So my advice is to write as much as we can, to read as much as we can and to learn as much as we can and then our writing can only become better!

There is a level of excellence that may be misconstrued with pride. Talk to us about the moments you felt you were misconstrued as such, if any? How then do we make a distinction because there seem to be a very fine line between the two?

Very good question! Because I am really not in the public eye that much I do not think I have given many people enough reason to misinterpret anything that I do or say (lol). However people will always have their own take on things and there isn't much you can do about it. For the most part if there is any confusion about me when it comes to excellence, maybe it could be my choice of genre, producers (where I have literally recorded songs with some producers and ended up not releasing them or asking a different producers to re-record the song). Little things like that maybe. Yeah to preserve a certain sound I have had to trash some productions, however I have not really cared much what the producer has said about it or about me etc just because I have a certain target I am aiming for and the bottom line however is that as long as your MOTIVES are pure. As long as you have not poisoned the well (your heart), people may and will confuse you in some cases for things you are not. Do not lose sleep over that if your FATHER can say WELL DONE YOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT. **My last words are "Christ reign in us! Not for our fame but for your name".**



Background My name is Eliot Makuyana and I was born in Bikita. I serve at Full Gospel Church of God in Zimbabwe and I love God. I was once part of Worship addicts for a year before I started my solo career in 2016. I started my music ministry in 2016. I recorded my first 8-track album titled Munenyasha one of the tracks VunyoroneNyasha did very well on Star FM Gospel Greats show. I have done two albums to date and single tracks. I grew up loving music generally and I used to sing at school and each time I would sing people would encourage me to take music seriously. My family and church mates were very instrumental in encouraging me to pursue music seriously.

I have learnt quite a number of things in this journey as a minister and am still learning. One of the most important thing I have learnt over the past years is that an intimate relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ is more important than the music and sing we sing. I have learnt that public ministry must flow from the private ministry. One needs not to just rush and release a song without a revelation. Never just jump into a public platform without having a relationship with Jesus Christ. Music ministry should flow from the relationship we have with Jesus Christ if we are to touch lives. Gospel music ministry is sacred and the attention should be on Jesus Christ. The other important thing I have learnt is that a music minister must have knowledge of the word of God; without the knowledge of the word of God we end up singing songs that are empty of content and theologically incorrect. So I encourage my fellow worshippers to read the word of God at all times. We are not supposed to only read the word when we want to write a song, but the word has to be the lifeblood of our daily existence. Joshua 1:8 says, *"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."*

The other important thing I have learned is that there is no true worship without willingness to leave our wicked ways. We must live a life that is consistent with God's word. We must fight our apathy that keep us from caring enough to make time to be alone with God.

Praise God when you want and when you don't. Worshipping God in spirit and in truth involves loving him with heart and soul, mind and strength. sometimes people worship money, recreation, jobs but let me tell you this, the Lord does not accept second-rate worship. He desired all worship to be firmly directed towards Him. So a worshipper must not be too emotionally attached to material things. Our personal pursuits must not take precedence over the will of God. We must not only call Him when we are in a mess. Never give God a second position in your life. Remember the Lord and forget him not.

The other important thing I have learnt is that a music minister must not bother himself or herself about being relevant just stay preoccupied with knowing the Lord. Do not worry about the trending things and styles you remain relevant when you spend time with the Lord.

One of the unforgettable experience I had was when I went to a rural areal called Chachacha. I loved the experience because God touched lives and that is what gives me joy. I noticed most of the music ministers do not want to go to these places yet there are people who love God there.

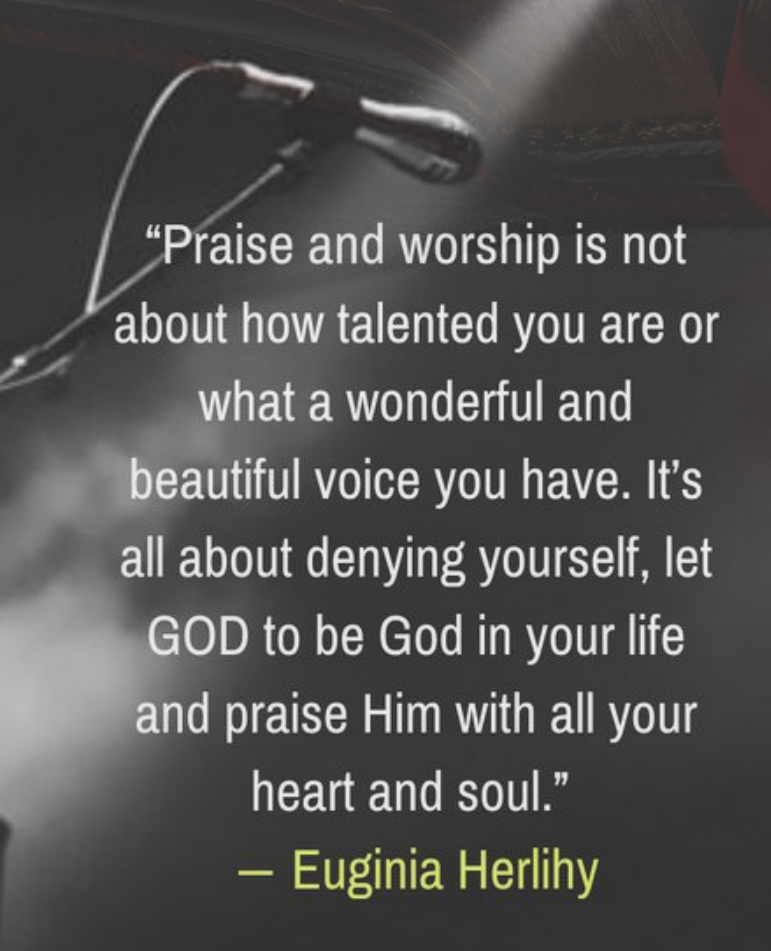
In trying to understand more about worship, it is important to note that many equate worship with singing in Church yet worship is more than a song. True worship affects the way we live, when we worship something we declare it is worthy. The Greek word used to worship implies an attitude of reverence.

Impact in Ministry

Just stay preoccupied with knowing the Lord. Whatever He tells you to do it, you will have impact once you do that. Preparing the hearts of people is not something that a worshipper does on a Sunday morning. A worshipper must have scriptures he meditates on during the course of the week in preparation for the service. He must have quite time with the Lord. He must pray for the service during the week..

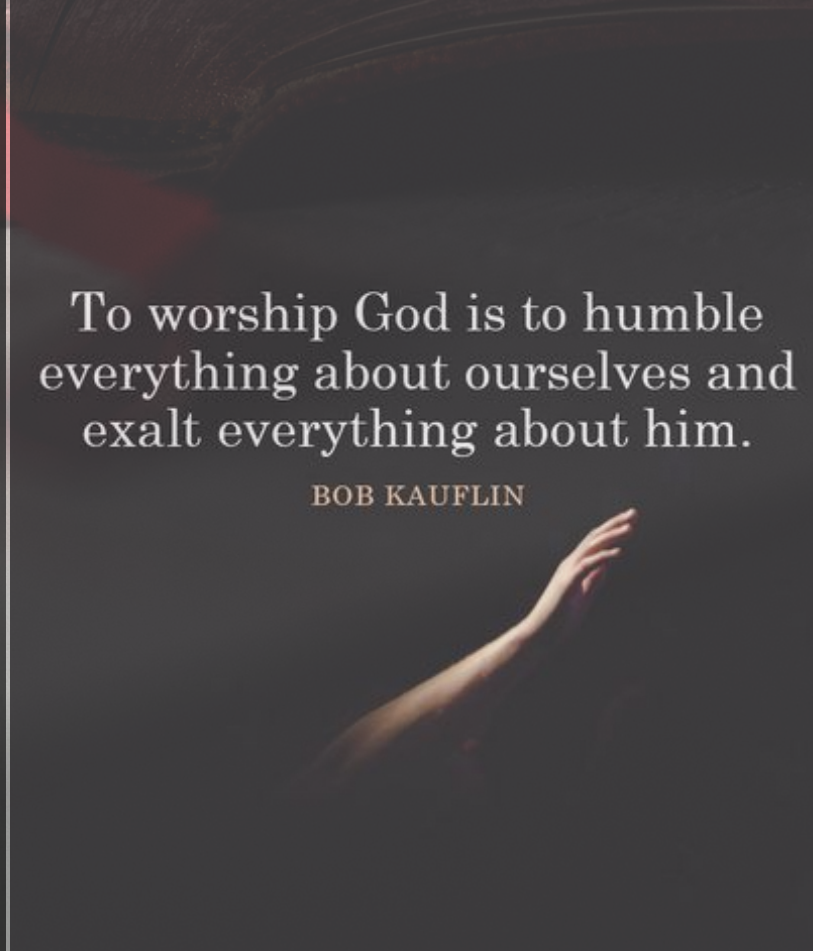
I believe when you do that God directs your even to the songs that are relevant for that specific service. A worshipper does not just show up on a Sunday service sing and go home. Find time to pray for the congregants, ask God to move in the hearts of people because we are more than singers. When we do that we will see that we sing songs that are just in line with the sermon from the preacher

Let us keep on loving with everything, we are living in the last days our personal pursuits must not take precedence over God's will. Never get tired of seeking the face of the Lord.



“Praise and worship is not about how talented you are or what a wonderful and beautiful voice you have. It’s all about denying yourself, let GOD to be God in your life and praise Him with all your heart and soul.”

— Euginia Herlihy



To worship God is to humble everything about ourselves and exalt everything about him.

BOB KAUFLIN

Depth in Music & Worship Ministry

Pastor Lavy Mlilo

Background: I am Pastor Lavy Mlilo Chauke and have been in full time ministry from 2004 and worked in Beitbridge, Limpopo Province, Capetown and partly in Mozambique. I grew up singing and had the passion as young as I could remember; but it became really strong when I gave my life to Jesus Christ. I remember doing hymns with one of my grandmothers who would wait for me to come back from school. I was doing grade 2 by then but my understanding of the things of God was at another level. We formed a group of four by the time we were in Grade 3. Takesure TK Zamar was part of the group and would sing at Sunday school. I grew through the ranks of Praise & Worship from assembly level to the highest level in our ministry. It became a platform for elevation, grooming and growth.

This the kind of commitment that is missing in most singers today is failure to have a place where they belong and can be groomed, rebuked, corrected and disciplined. It is important to establish an intimate relationship with God before you can minister, praise and worship is an outflow of your private devotions with God. It is that atmosphere developed in your devotion that is carried in my ministry. I spend time in God's presence, meditation and study and almost all my songs are birthed in that atmosphere.

Most people sing because they know the song but we have to sing because we understand Him and fellowship with Him. It is that atmosphere developed during those times that we carry everywhere we go. That is why some songs are good to your ears yet they never touch your heart. How is your private life like? You cannot separate what you do privately and what you do at the church building. Worship is not something separated from what we do privately, it is a lifestyle. Before you can minister in song, spend time in God presence. May God cleanse your heart with the blood of Jesus until your heart is sprinkled clean from any guilt of sin. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you so that you can sing the right song, not your favorite song. Also be sensitive to the prevailing atmosphere.

What you do as a minister of the song is no different from what the Pastor does to prepare for preaching. As much as the preacher prepares, the singer must prepare as well. It is not only preparing the sermon or song through practice but it is preparing your heart and spirit so that God can flow through you as a vessel. If you have never been in the presence of God, there is no way you try take the people where you have never been.

We have good singers who have no idea what the presence of God feels like and we cannot expect such people to lead us. Praise and worship has been reduced to a session or program rather than a sacred ministry.

Unfortunately we have many singers on the stage who have never been prepared on the altar. On the altar your flesh is dealt with so that the Spirit of God can have a free flow. Romans 12:1 *So then, my brothers and sisters, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer. (GNT)*

Some gospel musicians love the stage but hate the altar where God deals with their lives. Have you ever prayed and fasted before ascending the stage? What do you want God to do in the lives of the people as you minister? Personally I have testimonies of people being saved, rescued from danger or robbers, healed completely, receive the Holy Spirit as they listen to my songs. Our elders from Cape Town once hired a taxi to a conference in Johannesburg. They asked the driver to play my cd and all of a sudden the driver stopped and said he could not continue because the songs were causing something in him. He was manifesting and he asked my two elders to drive and continue with the journey.

As we sing at church do we understand what the gospel is? There are a lot of songs which are sung at church by church people but they are not gospel. The lyrical content is of paramount importance; as for me there are songs I do not sing and that I do not allow in my church even if they are trending because of the lyrical content. Take time to listen to true gospel songs from great musicians who inspire you. Inspiration brings passion, creativity and excellence. But most importantly study the life of the gospel singer(s) you love. Remember that there is a spirit that influences actions, so as you listen to a song your ears respond to the melody and sound but your heart respond to the spirit behind the song. Be very careful who inspires you. Always do a background check of the people who inspire you. Do you know them? How is their spiritual life, marriage if they are married? Do they have a church or leadership they submit to? Otherwise you can drink from a rebellious spirit and turn into something. I can know how serious a person is about their gospel music ministry by how they invest in their music ministry. What is the state of music library?

Depth in Music & Worship Ministry

Pastor Lavy Mlilo



What kind of shows do you attend? How much time do you dedicate to ministry? To tell you the truth, I love this ministry of Praise & Worship with all my heart. It is all I think about most of the time. I have invested myself, money and so many resources to be where I am. I would sing in funerals until they turn into a revival. People would not speak about the deceased or funeral but they would speak about the service. Every opportunity availed I give it all my heart.

One most important virtue that brings growth to a gospel musician is humility. Humility is a state where the spirit takes center stage until the flesh submits. It is a place where all you do is about the glory of God. Your motives in ministering are solely for God's glory. A humble person is a teachable person; they can be corrected or rebuked without being offended. They participate with others even if they feel they can do better. We have musicians who want to be worshipped and begged to sing at their churches. They want a celebrity status. When such becomes your attitude, it can make you obnoxious to people. Be humble no matter how good. Be a child of God not a celebrity. As you stand on that stage, it is not you who must be seen but the God you are ministering to.

The world is now a global village and that can help serious musicians learn from each without having to be there physical. It is easier to be exposed to larger world of gospel via internet without a need to be physically there. Use technology as a platform for growth. Be well versed with current media platforms, networks, online stores like Apple music, Deezer, Spotify and YouTube. The world is going digital we must move and embrace the new ways of doing things without compromising on our morals and spirituality.

It is of paramount importance to relate well with people. What do they know about you, reputation? Remember when you stand before people, the congregation receives you first before they can receive your ministry. How you live with people matters. You are a vessel but can people eat or drink from you. Imagine good looking food in a dirty plate. Your lifestyle can hinder people from receiving what God has bestowed upon you.

2 Timothy 2: 20 *In a large house there are dishes and bowls of all kinds: some are made of silver and gold, others of wood and clay; some are for special occasions, others for ordinary use. If anyone makes himself or herself*

clean from all those evil things, they will be used for special purposes, because they are dedicated and useful to their Master, ready to be used for every good deed.

God is not looking for anointed people but He is looking for clean vessels which only Him can anoint and use for His glory. How is your life after ministering? *Worship is not the sounding of your voice, but it is the sincerity and expression of your heart* - Pastor Lavy quotes.

The Truth about Praise and Worship.

Matthew 15:7-9 (NIV) *You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: "these people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules."* We have more of lip service and voice show off on the stage or alter of our denominations. Worship is a flow of hearts free from sin. God is not moved by the quality of our voices, but by the quality of our hearts sprinkled clean from all manner of wickedness by the blood of Jesus Christ. We have chosen people to lead us in our worship teams based on the quality of their voices and never on the quality of their lifestyle. As they sing, Holy Holy Holy is the Lord, their lifestyle does not attest to that because they are living lives which are totally divorced from what they are singing. Then you say you want to see God with such characters in your teams, forget it.

Amos 5 21-24 The Lord says, *"I hate your religious festivals; I cannot stand them! When you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; I will not accept the animals you have fattened to bring me as offerings. Stop your noisy songs; I do not want to listen to your harps. Instead, let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry."*

Listen my dear brothers, God is not moved by the song but He is moved by the life of the singer. We might be enjoying ourselves but our lifestyle can be making noise to God. Because of the ministry of music I have seen the worst, gospel musicians drinking alcohol at the back stage, kissing and committing sexual immorality. Such things are happening in our churches as well. Saints of God, our God is a Holy God. Let's not play with Him.

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I would like to share with you some of my life experiences and the things I have seen happening, and have learnt from them.

A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Life without a relationship with God has no hope and happiness. One can never function effectively outside the environment of God's presence. The Bible encourages us to draw near to God every time. God does not need anything from us for Him to survive, we need everything from Him. God can only show up in our lives when we create the right conditions for Him to step in. Having the right relationship with the one we sing to, for and about is the first step,

HOW I HAVE RECEIVED SONGS

In my life, the Holy Spirit has given me songs through different ways:

- In my prayer closet
- In dreams
- When meditating on the Word
- In church when others are singing
- When the preacher is ministering
- From my life experiences
- When taking a bath
- During a lone walk
- When driving alone in my car
- When I change my environment
- After observing social life

Most of the above experiences indicate that a time alone is sometimes needed for God to talk to you and give you music. God may not speak to you if you are always in a noisy and busy environment which doesn't allow you to be attentive. Where we stay determines the things that we receive.

LIFE OF A WORSHIPPER

- Prayer
- Reading of the Word
- Listening to other musicians
- Be willing to learn from others
- Humility

Your music must minister to you first before ministering to others. I remember at one point when I was facing a difficult moment. The Holy Spirit brought the



song Rumbidzo Ndeyenyu Mwari (*Glory belongs to you*), Torai Rumbidzo Yose (*Take all the Glory*). The other time together with my husband Blessing we needed money and when I was quiet thinking about the situation we were in, a song was dropped on my heart; Munamate, Murumbidze, NdiMwari ane Nyasha, Mwari ane Rudo (*Worship Him, Praise Him, He is full of Grace and Love*).

WORSHIP HINDRANCES

I am still learning a lot in music through other musicians, preachers and the word of God. I have also worked with praise and worship teams from different churches as some would invite me to teach and train their teams. There are some things which I have picked to be in most teams.

- Fighting to be the lead singers
- Fighting to be on the microphone
- Favoritism (mainly from the team leaders)
- Type of uniforms (designs, length slacks/skirts)
- Hair styles
- Relationships (affairs)
- Living in sin
- Lack of confidence

There are things we do in our churches that seem right with us yet does not agree with what God intend us to do. Our teams are full of people who are not faithful before God and at the end God does not show up whenever we stand to minister, this applies to individual musicians too. The music may be very good but carries nothing that affects the inner souls of listeners. If we fail to live and act according to God's principles, we can sing but never give the music that will carry miracles signs and wonders. The Bible describes us as "...noisy vessels before God..."

To me worship should just be a lifestyle of a believer. The world is full of people who sing and they have better voices than us, but the difference is in the anointing of our music. The children of God are led by the Spirit of God. ..All those who received Jesus Christ were given power to become children of God.

The Bible tells me that my body is the temple of God, that alone teaches me that I do not follow every fashion that the world gives. Every worshiper must aim to please God. We should stand as vessels before God so that He can consider us worthy to pour His treasure for the benefit of the church.

CHRIST CENTERED

When we praise and worship God, we do it according to his

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Word. Christ must be the centre in our music. We should point people to Christ Jesus. John 3:30 *"Let Him increase and let us decrease"* Music is highly influential, let us be careful not to sing songs that are unscriptural. John 7:38 *"...He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living waters."* The Holy Spirit is inside of us and from within us, rivers of living waters should flow. How then does this living water flow from children of God if we make them sing wrong stuff?

As musicians, we should study the Word in order to avoid singing heresy. I remember when I was still young, we would sing and dance to a certain song, then when I studied the Word I realized it was wrong.

As worshipers, we need to fully believe in God and surrender our lives to Him. Most of our praise team members are carnal. Some are full of hypocrisy while others are not born again at all. We cannot serve in the world and in church and expect miracles to happen during our ministrations. True worshipers should worship the Father in Spirit and in truth. God is limited by our believing, if we do not believe Him fully, there is no way He can do more beyond the level of our belief. If we do not surrender, trust and depend on God fully there is no way He can use us in our church services.

KINGDOM VS RELIGION

There are things we cannot change when it comes to the Kingdom of God. Most of the singing we do in our churches may end up in vain because of some of the tendencies we bring along from the world.

There is a difference between a kingdom and a religion. In a religion, things can be changed anyhow with no problems at all. But, when it comes to a Kingdom, whatever the King says, it becomes a decree. This is why King Nebuchadnezzar was very much troubled when Daniel had to be thrown in the den of lions. It all emanated from his words as the king. He spoke and his words became a decree. The king loved Daniel so much, but he talked too much and his words became a decree which worked against Daniel. *"Anyone who don't bow down to this idol, he shall be thrown into the lions!"* and it became a decree. When Daniel did not bow, the king became depressed because he could not change his words.

If the Bible forbids homosexuality, it is sealed, God has spoken through His Word. Not even your church leaders

can stand to change that. But we have those that are deep in homosexuality and they stand to sing in our praise and worship teams. Some churches have changed and altered in order to accommodate it but remember these are religions not a Kingdom.

Some leaders in our churches are voted in by people. There is no voting into the Kingdom of God. JESUS CHRIST when He came to earth, He stood on the Word and He never listened to what the rulers wanted him to do. They had their laws and things they followed, but Jesus Christ stood firm on the true Word of God and THEY HATED HIM FOR THAT.

A lot of musicians end up compromising in order to gain favor from men. They want people to clap hands for them and to pass comments, at the expense of what is expected from them by the Word of God.

Matt 6:33 tells us to seek ye first the Kingdom of God and not religion! If only we can know and understand the Kingdom of God, we will stand to minister with respect. We happen to develop a lot of systems in our religions that have nothing to do with the Kingdom, this is why our singing is empty most of the time. God is not in it.

Matthew 18:23 *"....the Kingdom of heaven is like a king coming back to settle accounts with his servants."* Brethren, we have a King who is going to settle our accounts one day. We will be rewarded one day for faithfully ministering through the gifts God gave us. Matt. 25:34 *"Then the King will say to those on his right, come, you who are blessed by my Father: take your inheritance, the king prepared for you since the creation of the world."*

The greatest act of worship is the giving up of all that we like and surrender to Him alone. When we all do that, God will show Himself up in our singing as individuals and teams. God blesses and preserves the worshiper. Exodus 24-26.

If we really want our singing to minister to people, we should obey the Word of God and live lives that are pleasing to God. We should have a relationship with God. We should have a better experience with the Holy Spirit as individuals first before we go to minister in church. **Surely we can never try to take people where we have never been.**

Serving God in the Music Ministry

Minister Heavens Mutambira

Background My name is Heavens Mutambira, first born in a family of four. I have been married for 19 years now and blessed with three girls and three boys bringing the grand total to six. I am pastor's kid having grown up in church but officially got born again around the age of 13. I have been following Christ since then. I come from a musical family and from a very young age, we were encouraged to explore and grow in that area so my siblings and I have always enjoyed music – singing in church and serving in different capacities. Of late God has had me on a different trajectory, having served as National director for our Music team here in the UK for over 10 years, I am focusing more on the people outside four walls of the church who need to hear about the love of Christ through music.

There are some of the core values that can sustain a called man:

- **Purpose** – Understanding this helps to inform one's decisions on what, how, why, when and with whom they interact with on life's journey. Everything we do must have a purpose greater than us.
- **Integrity** – I am encouraged by the scripture in Proverbs 22:1 which talks about the value of a good reputation.
- **Influence** – God has called us to influence our world. Everyone has an audience they must influence.

I will just share a few nuggets I feel can help us as we serve God in the Music ministry. To me music is a calling and an area of natural ability as well. Worship is not a ministry or an industry. It is a duty of every born again believer. This is one of the reasons I believe the term worship leader is a bit misleading because we have to ask the question who leads the worship leader? I therefore prefer the term Song leader. The Holy Spirit is the one who can truly inspire our worship and lead us into the presence of the Father through Jesus Christ.

Both the song leader and the congregation need to yield to the leading of the Spirit of God. What then is worship? Well I will start by listing what it is not and please remember this is my perspective on the subject:

Worship (Which includes praise) is not singing or a session where we just sing songs, dance, clap, and lift our hands. People do all these things and concerts in the secular world as well. People have been known to cry and lift their hands, stand for hours and even faint at the sight of their favorite singer. Michael Jackson concerts are a classic example

True worship must have the following hallmarks:

- There must be a clear understanding of who is worthy of human worship and why
- We must understand the right definition of worship. In other words, we need to render worship in the right and acceptable protocols and not just what makes us feel good.
- We must make sure that whatever we do is centred totally on the person we are directing our worship to and no one else.
- We must accept the fact that the way the recipient of our worship desires to be worshipped may not be in keeping with what popular culture accepts and understands and therefore our worship must not be custom made to appeal more to culture than to God.

Worship therefore starts with life that is devoted to God, surrendered to the authority of His person as enshrined in His word. One also needs to carry a preparedness to suffer many things because of following His teachings and deep desire to see Him glorified in one's life and in the earth. A true follower of Christ must be prepared to die for him.

Luke 9:23-24 Then Jesus said to all of them, "If anyone wants to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it..."

Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brothers, on account of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

The above scriptures encapsulate the true meaning of worship for me. If one ever sings another song or plays another keyboard but follow these, they will have the life of a true worshipper.

Line up our best singers and musicians and ask them to minister – We can never impress God with our abilities. In fact the reason why we rehearse and put on uniforms and deck out our stages and put in LED screens and lighting is not to please God but to appeal to the human spirit. People are difficult to please. God is not really looking at all these things but he looks at how dead our old man is, how dead our consecrated and quickened

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our bodies are by the Holy Spirit such that they become a living sacrifice.

Your singing or musical ability is a talent that you can use both for your benefit and also for the glory of God. I define talent as an ability you are born with. However, there is an extra layer to this natural ability called gift which I define as a supernatural ability you are born again with. This must be used for the benefit of the Body of Christ and not for your benefit. Meaning you cannot put a fee on the gift but you can put a fee on the talent. When we minister in the house of God, we must be clear about our purpose, calling and understand that Jesus Christ must remain at the Centre of what we do whether people notice it or not, whether they are moved to appreciate it or not. If your gift and ministry is truly Christ centered, then it will not be affected now matter how much challenges you encounter. Serve if you will, expecting no compensation from men because you are serving God.

Many ministers whom God has called to serve have turned down opportunities to minister because of money and yet it is not money that called you. God who is the owner of money is the one who called you. Am I saying that go everywhere they call you? No only go where the Holy Spirit sends you or where He releases you to Go that way, He remains your sponsor. Any minister who sends in an invoice before coming to minister to the people who Jesus Christ paid for with His life to give them free access to God is now merchandising the gift of God. How much would people pay to be healed by Jesus, Would the widows afford Christ? So the right approach for a true minister is: You get an invite, you pray about it - The Holy Spirit authorizes you then you go. Accept anything they give you with grace including a God bless you. If you are a member of a church and a gifted singer - decide whether you want to serve in that house. If your decision is yes, then devote yourself to the Lord first then to the house you are under. Serve with grace and humility as unto the Lord expecting nothing from the church office. If they decide to give you something, receive it with thanksgiving. God however knows how to reward his servants. Having said that, if one feels that their efforts in church must be rewarded with cash, it is still okay however you cease to be a minister but a self-employed operative.

As ministers in the house of the Lord we must desire to have a good name. Our reputation precedes us before we get to the stage. When they leave time to the praise

team, a lot of people can sign out or sign in with excitement just by looking at who is going to grab the mic. Your reputation gets there and starts ministering before you do. Reputation is like a currency. When dealing with people, the way people see you is determines how open they are to your ministrations. When leading a congregation in worship, you have to first of all overcome your own personal barriers in your own heart - project yourself to the congregation. They watch how you walk, how you are dressed, your gestures, and facial features to decide if you are worth their time. When that checks out they scan their minds to see if there is anything they have seen, heard about you or decided about who you are like as further filters to see if they will let down their barriers for you to lead them. Your reputation off the stage is very important. There are worship leaders who start blessing people even before they sing. People know then as helpful, humble, teachable, honest, reliable and friendly and then there are others who use their talent, position, charisma and clout to bulldoze their way into ministry- these will not last long.

Music is a creative art. Therefore every minister must learn to be flexible with new material and also strive to be intune with the creative Spirit of God to tap into new songs that are floating in the Spirit. We must have the ability to tap into the eternal realm and listen to and bring down song they sing into the earth realm. Creativity is so key to our ministry and as such we must always be bringing some new songs to the Body of Christ.

Never place value on gifting above character and remember that gifting and character has no age. Do not discount young gifted people who are on fire for God on account of age. Being older does not equal to more anointing. Young gifted people should not despise the older generation because they also bring something to the table. Teamwork is important. When you are older and have been in a position in the team for a long time, look around you and see younger people you can mentor and put in your position. If you do that, they will always look up to you because they will know that you created space for them. If you have to wait to be removed by a coup, they will always look at you with scorn because you are that drummer, that singer who never wanted to give anyone else a chance.

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Background

Wenyasha Chingono is a born again Christian who received call into ministry in 2006. I felt strongly that the Lord wanted to use me in the area of worship and I am glad it has brought us to where we are. I am a minister in Harvest House International Church and I am endeavor to minister faithfully in the house of God. By God's grace I began recording in 2015 to date and we have seen God's grace and testimonies from our music is encouraging. I am a journalist by profession and also an academic, majoring in International Relations.

New Song

Songs are an important part of the Christian culture. The song is so important that even God dedicated some books in the bible to just write songs. Look at Psalms, Songs of Solomon etc. According to christianity.com, Music is one of the priceless gifts God gave us. Music touches us as nothing else, reaching into our inner depths, giving us expression beyond the range of rational thought, offering us an instrument of praise to God and a manifestation of community as we sing together. While there is lots of singing on earth, there is singing in heaven too. That is the realm we want to tap into.

Basic scripture on a new song

Psalms 33:3 (ESV): Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

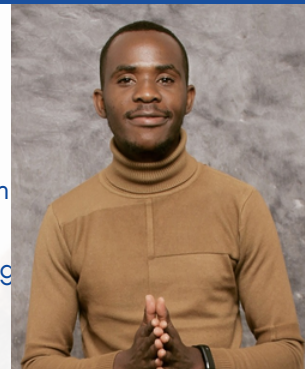
Note here that singing a new song according to this scripture is deliberate. (Sing to Him). In this context the song may not necessarily be a "new release" as we may say in today's lingo, but a song which one sings with revelation and new understanding. These are the songs inspired from the depths of our spirits following an experience or event which triggers thankfulness and gratitude towards God.

Psalms 40:3 (ESV): He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. In this context God puts a new song in your mouth. A God inspired song which you sing.

Exodus 15:20-21 Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing. Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea." God dropped a new song on Miriam based on what had just happened and behold it was a 'HIT'. It released JOY and CELEBRATIONS.

Luke 1:46-55 (ESV) And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior," Mary's song was circumstantial. God gave her a celebratory song of praise because of the promise of a son who would be the Saviour of the world.

Such songs are powerful as they reflect on God's goodness and are more personal. They reach God's people quicker than any other song because they carry the very emotion of the writer who is God. May God give us a song of the moment, a song in season.



Revelation 5:9 (ESV) And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. This type of new song was to bestow honor upon Jesus who was and is worthy to open the seals. It is a song of revelation where a child of God taps into the knowledge of who Christ is. Such songs have no DNA of the writer but God himself because they are based on revelation.

Such songs do not expire, they live forever. Heavenly songs can only be recognized by spiritual musicians who have sharp senses. See Rev 14:2 And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. The musician should be able to hear from the kind of songs being sung in heaven and download from time to time. It's an amazing thing to be able to collaborate with God in such songs from time to time. It is important here that a musician sharpens his spiritual senses to hear the songs being sung in heaven. Such songs carry power as they come from the very presence of God. They always carry results whenever they are sung.

2 Attributes of a new song!

A new song is the RHEMA moment in songwriting : It is the now song. They carry liberty and joy : Ref Miriam, Mary etc Do not be surprised to see miracles and lives changed when a genuine new song is sung.... May God quicken our spirits to receive such songs in this time.. This is what the world needs...

Impact of a new song

A new song ushers in a new anointing: 2 Chronicles 20: 21 Jehoshaphat asked the people for advice. Then he appointed men to sing to the Lord. He wanted them to praise the Lord because of his glory and holiness. They marched out in front of the army.

They said, "Give thanks to the Lord. His faithful love continues forever." 22 They began to sing and praise him. Then the Lord hid some men and told them to wait. He wanted them to attack the people of Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir. They had gone into Judah and attacked it. But they lost the battle. 23 The Ammonites and Moabites rose up against the men from Mount Seir. They destroyed them. They put an end to them. When they finished killing the men from Seir, they destroyed one another. A fearful Israel suddenly becomes victorious because of a new song. It triggered the power of God to win battles and in an instant, the battle was won. God is looking for musicians who will tap into His realm and compose songs that will usher a new anointing in the house of God. You can't resist a new song, it is pregnant with destiny, freshness. Back in 2018, just before I recorded my live DVD, I was feeling drained and tired from the whole process. I was desperate for God's touch and refreshment. My Pastor was preaching and I happened to be the keyboardist on standby. I started playing while he ministered. I could feel a new song well up in me which most of you have heard or will hear soon, Mweya Mutsvene (Which is already out). That song was like an energy drink, I received a fresh anointing from that time to continue with the work. So new songs carry refreshment!

How a musician can tap into the realm of new songs

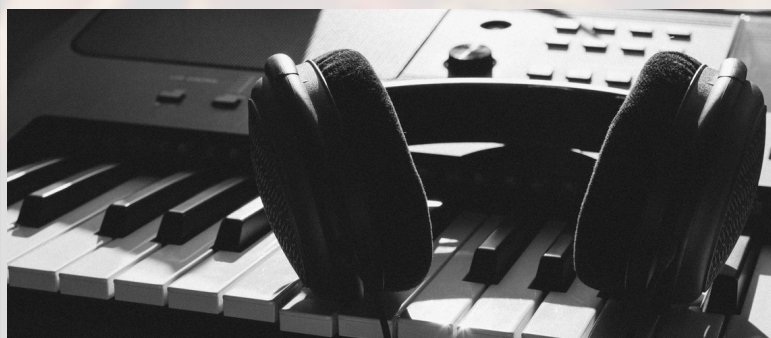
- A musician should be prayed up always. Be aware of the seasons and what God is doing in a particular season.
- Follow the lead of the chief musician who is the Holy Spirit. Don't be afraid to tap into an unfamiliar territory where you declare things in the atmosphere or sing in tongues. Do it and you will see more songs drop into your spirit
- Follow the lead of the Pastor if you are worship leader in church. Somehow our pastors have a gift of discernment. They know which songs should be sung and most of the time the atmosphere they carry has new songs.
- A relationship with the Holy Spirit is key. He whispers these songs everywhere. I have composed songs on buses, planes and even as I walk. The Holy Spirit is the song bank of God, why not allow him to teach you a few tricks and before you know it songs will begin to flow. He also knows when the song should start and end! Unfortunately not all songs should have the full format i.e. verse, chorus, bridge outro. Just those few words will trigger great worship

There are a few people listening to me who have been doing the same thing for many years and now supposed to have transitioned into other areas of ministry of other part parts of the music team but have not done do because they are in love with their position and not what God wants to do, it's time to move.

How to balance music and worship

So music which includes singing and all the other things we do in church are just an outlet and overflow of our devotion to God. Music, singing, clapping, bowing and so forth are spiritual principles that when practiced carry a significance in the spirit. For example lifting hands is an internationally recognized sign of surrender. But when we do it before the Lord as an outward expression of our inward surrender, power is released. Music has chords and each chord carries a significant meaning in the Spirit. The Holy Spirit loves to flow through melodies and sounds. David understood how to use music to chase away Saul's demon.

I believe that we are that generation that God is going to use to bring about a great revival and harvest for Jesus. The Lord is raising up a new breed of singers and musicians who are going to operate under a very strong anointing followed by miracles signs and wonders much needed for these last days. We must now begin to be truly called out and seeking out the glory of God like never before. Great mantles for the ministers in church, gospel artists in the gospel music industry and circular arena are being released in a higher measure to all those who are hungry. Personal financial breakthroughs are coming into our lives so that we can do the work of God in and out of season. Let us remain faithful wherever God has planted us doing well always for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. God bless you all richly.



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