

There is a Song within You
Ephesians Part 29

“Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Ephesians 5:19-20

Paul has been exhorting the body of Christ, the called- out ones, to understand what the will of the Lord is. He has challenged us to be filled continuously with the Holy Spirit. This world loves to fill up on things that please the senses but believers love to fill up on the Spirit and live to please the Lord. As a continuing note, Paul gives the church another challenge: keep the song within you alive.

I have been leading worship for more than twenty years. My, has it been that long? Anyway, one of the effects it has had on my life is that I seem to be singing a song to myself all the time. This morning it is “Majesty” by Martin Smith. I don’t know when this began, but right now I can stop myself at any moment and check my spirit and find a spiritual song there. That does not make me “Joe Christian.” It makes me happy.

I remember clearly one day when the Lord spoke to me and said that He wanted me to throw out all my secular music. Now listen, I had invested quite a bit of cash and had a lot of tapes! But the gnawing feeling would not let up and I felt a bit uncomfortable until I decided to get rid of everything. I remember calling my brother and asking him if he wanted my tapes. He thought I was nuts and said that I should just keep them. Then the Holy Spirit said, or I guess I should say He put a reprimand in my mind, “Don’t give them away, throw them away.” So I did.

I know that this is not a word everyone receives but I can only tell you that I do not miss listening to secular music. Once in awhile I will listen to a song from the 60’s. My kids will listen to stuff that they learn at school and I listen to that but for the most part I only listen to spiritual songs. And, it has had an effect on my mindset.

There is a song there when I am working, playing, counseling, fishing and just about any time, place or activity. When I am about to sin, there is a song there. When I’m about to say something rude, there is a song there. When I sit down to use my laptop, there is a song there. And it is a spiritual song.

Did you know that part of being filled with the Spirit is being filled with spiritual music? Guess what kind of music the Spirit likes best: spiritual songs. Did you know that the Spirit puts songs in your heart? So does the enemy of your soul. He always tries to counteract what God is doing. However, we are not those who submit to him, we are the Lord’s! And the Lord’s will for you is to sing and make music in your heart, always giving thanks. Music builds attitude. For a godly attitude, listen to the song in your heart. Music affects your mood. For a godly mood, listen to the song in your heart. Let’s activate the song. It’s a pleasing sacrifice.