

WHY CHURCHES OF CHRIST DO NOT USE MECHANICAL INSTRUMENTS OF MUSIC #10

SINCE THEY ARE USED IN THE HOME, THEY CAN ALSO BE USED IN THE CHURCH

This argument is used in an effort to prove that those who use instruments in their home (outside of worship) are inconsistent when they refuse to use them in the church. But, to show someone inconsistent does not prove instruments can be used in church. If so, how? At best, they've proven someone to be inconsistent, but they still haven't given Bible authority for them in the church!

Seems there is no end how far proponents of mechanical instruments of music will go in an effort to include them in worship. They might as well say, "*It doesn't matter what God wants, we're going to have what we want, one way or another!*"

The answer to the question of instruments of music in the church is plain and simple when the Bible is consulted. What does the Bible say about it? That's the question.

The Bible reveals the KIND of songs to be used in worship: "*psalms and hymns and spiritual songs*" (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). Other types of songs, non-religious songs, are not authorized. For someone to play non-religious songs on an instrument outside of worship is irrelevant. It has no bearing or connection with the subject whatsoever. How could it?

What does God say regarding HOW "*psalms and hymns and spiritual songs*" are to be used? They are to be SUNG, **not** PLAYED — "*SINGING and MAKING MELODY in your HEART to the Lord*" (Eph. 5:19). "*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, SINGING with grace in your HEARTS to the Lord*" (Col. 3:16). There IS authority to SING. There is NO authority to PLAY!

Even if it were permissible to sing "*psalms, hymns and spiritual songs*" with an instrument in one's home, it would not prove it could be done in worship. There are many things done in the home that are not authorized to be done in worship. Apple pie and ice cream are authorized in the home but NOT IN WORSHIP! How does this argument prove anything? By what reasoning or logic would using instruments outside the church authorize them in the church?

Why not just accept the plain simple teaching of the Bible? Why not simply do what God has commanded, what the apostles taught, and what the New Testament church practiced? Why would anyone want to do anything else? It is the way that is right and cannot be wrong!

Whatever we do can only be done with Bible authority (Col. 3:17).

—Garland M. Robinson