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Message from the editor:

Of all the holiness applications to lifestyle, music is the only one which is a direct carrier of the Word. Other applications like dress make an indirect statement of truth, but Christian music is to make a direct statement as it carries the message of "the word of Christ."

As this issue of *Preach the Word* devotes several articles to the theme of "Music That Changes Lives," our prayer is that your own life and ministry will be profoundly impacted to more effectively change peoples lives into the image of Christ.

Music Philosophy for Church Services

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(adapted from the teaching of Wayne Van Gelderen Sr.)

On Sunday morning, the first song should be a hymn of praise to God. This ought to be the first impression of a Sunday morning "worship" service. Hymns of objective praise to God immediately put the focus on God rather than on man. Hymns like, "Holy, Holy, Holy" or "O Worship the King" accomplish this goal. Then as the service moves along, other songs may be incorporated, ending with a testimonial song as the solo before the sermon.

On Sunday night, revival and evangelistic songs provide a different focus. Gospel songs like "Blessed Assurance" and "Jesus Saves" may be used of God to warm the heart. Songs like "Faith Is the Victory" may be used to urge people forward in the Christian pathway of spiritual growth.

Then in the midweek services, devotional songs may be employed. "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" would be a few examples. The emphasis here is on devotion to the Savior. **THE WORD**