

# Fathers' Studies: Father/Child Relationships

"...that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

LESSON 37 OF 52

## MUSIC

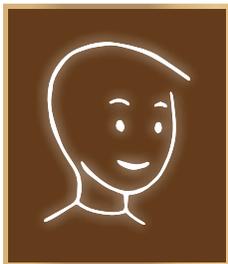
**LESSON AIM:** To help fathers to choose good music for their homes.

### KEY VERSE:

1. **EPHESIANS 5:19** What kinds of songs are Christians told to sing? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. **PSALM 149:1-3** Good music is used to \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. **1 SAMUEL 16:23** The good music that David played caused Saul to \_\_\_\_\_  
and the evil spirit \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. **1 CHRONICLES 25:5-6** Heman led his children to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord's house.
5. **PHILIPPIANS 4:8** Words that fill a believer's mind should be \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ .  
This includes the words in songs.

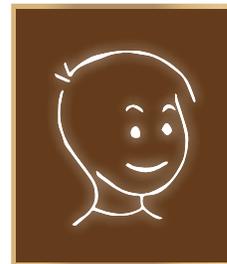
### PERSONAL NOTES:

## For You To Do



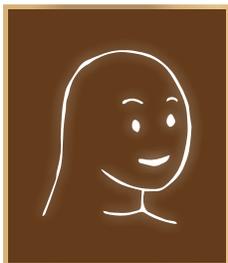
### By Yourself

Examine the music that your family is listening to. Does it fit the description in Philippians 4:8?



### With Your Children

Listen to their favourite music with them. Then talk about it. Ask them if their faith and joy gets stronger when they listen to this music.



### With Your Wife

Get your wife a recorded copy of her favourite Christian singer or group.

What is “good” music? How do you decide when music is “good”? Most people will say, “If you like it, it’s good.” Others will say, “Who cares whether it’s good or bad?”

Be careful because music is powerful! It can control your actions. It can influence you to think good or bad thoughts and do good or bad deeds. When God created music, it was good. When Satan got hold of it, he made it bad. God shows in His Word how you can tell which music is good and which is bad.

## GOD’S MUSIC

Is true, respected, right, pure, lovely, well thought of, worth giving thanks for (Philippians 4:8)

Is spiritual and increases your faith, joy, peace, love, patience, goodness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23)

Speaks well of Christ and lifts Him up (Colossians 3:16)

Is a “new song” (Psalm 40:3, 149:1)

## MUSIC OF THE WORLD

Is full of the desires of your flesh, the things your eyes see and want, and the pride of this life (1 John 2:16)

Is fleshly and increases your anger, bad feelings, and talk and actions that hurt others (Ephesians 4:31)

Boasts, complains, and flatters (Jude 16)

Is the same old ideas, maybe with a new tune (Ecclesiastes 1:9-10)

When you have read these verses, ask God to help you decide which music in your home pleases Him and which does not. Satan will always keep trying to bring his music back into your home. It will be very hard to keep it out. But be a man—take a stand. God will help you.

**SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD. (PSALM 149:1)**

**Music affects the way you think.**

**Music affects the way you act.**

**Music affects your spirit.**

**Good music increases your faith and joy.**

**Good music lifts up Christ.**

**God can help you win the battle against bad music.**

## WINDOW TO LIFE

When Joe’s children started earning money of their own they began buying a lot of music. Some of these recordings were rock music. Joe began to see changes in his children’s attitudes and behaviour. He asked advice from his pastor. He also read some Christian books about rock music and soon had the conviction that this music was wrong.

After praying about it, Joe had a family meeting. He told them what he had learned about rock music. At first some of the children did not agree with him. But after a few days they realized that their father was right. They agreed to get rid of their music and replace it with better music.

