

ATTITUDES OF A MINISTER THROUGH MUSIC

Seven key ingredients for maintaining proper attitudes in ministry:

To GLORIFY is to give an exact representation of. When we glorify Christ we are painting a picture of what He looks like. When you are on stage what picture are you painting?

God's agenda.

- Have nothing to prove but Christ and His works.
- Never aspire to a position, aspire to know Christ more intimately.
- Remember it is HIS message we are communicating.
- Romans 1:16, Colossians 3:23-24

Love from a pure heart.

- I Corinthians 13:4-7
- People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care.

Obedient to the Holy Spirit.

- Whether He is convicting you of sin, a wrong attitude or action, respond.

Right relationships.

- You can't expect God's Spirit to move in a concert when there is disharmony in the group. God is not as concerned with our "product" as He is with the process!
- Relationships are the prime target of the enemy to get us off track spiritually.

Integrity

- Am I applying this solution to my own life? God has a way of making us "live out" our message.

Flexibility

- If my heart is pure before the Lord and I'm committed to His agenda, then I can accept the last minute changes as from His hand.

You

- Be yourself. God made you unique - don't spend your energy trying to copy or be someone else. Enjoy and celebrate your uniqueness.

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Heart Check-up

Take a look at the “Heart Check-up” below and examine where you find your significance. Let God show you the areas He wants you to grow in and ask Him to help you change from the inside so you can paint an accurate picture of Christ.

- What specific things make me feel significant?
- How is my personal significance linked to my position? My particular ministry? Who I know? How I am recognized?
- Do I pride myself on my accomplishments or my position?
- How does pride manifest itself in me? (Over confidence? False humility? Self conscious? Anger? Blaming others, Etc.)
- How do I respond to the pedestal image?
- Am I approachable for my teammates? The audience?
- Am I willing to be “real” before others?
- Am I the same person on stage as off stage?
- What is my attitude like after a great success? A major “bloop” on stage?
- Am I competing with others for a position? Recognition? Solo?
- Am I jealous of other’s success or recognition?
- Do I question God’s call if success is not attained quickly?
- How do I receive recognition? How do I receive criticism?
- Am I committed to excellence even if no one encourages me for my discipline?
- How do I feel when I’m not complimented for my talents?
- When I plan worship sets, am I manipulative? (i.e. do I pick the emotional ones I know will illicit a certain response?)
- How do I respond when I don’t get to present what I’ve worked so hard to prepare?
- Am I living out the message I am proclaiming to others?
- What do people most frequently compliment me for?
- Are the time-consuming activities in my life in line with God’s overall purpose for my life?
- Am I a great example to follow?

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