

# Ancient Wisdom

## The Art and Science of a Spiritual Praise Band

“The priests took their positions, as did the Levites with the Lord's musical instruments, which King David had made for praising the Lord and which were used when he gave thanks, saying, *“His love endures forever.”* Opposite the Levites, the priests blew their trumpets, and all the Israelites were standing.”

### [2 Chronicles 7:6](#)

God’s word meets all our needs and provides us what we need for every good work. In the passage above, we see all of God’s people standing as if at a worship concert to praise the Lord!

Let me share the following principles to help all of us take our worship band to greater heights for God’s glory...

**NOTE:** Most of our churches have smaller venues to support and these principles may not apply to large scale conferences or worship times with full audio tech and professional sound teams.



### D) ***“The priests took their positions”***

According to your role, position yourself to serve

The Levites and priests each had different role as they honored God before his people in praise.

### **Applications to Consider**

#### 1. Rhythm Section - Bass, Drums and Percussion

A. Are you placed where you can see the Worship Leader?

B. Are you positioned together to stay tight?

C. Is your sound supporting the singers? Your amps should be behind them and comfortably audible to them. They should hear themselves with your support.

The bass is proven to lead our minds in rhythm [see link](#)

2. Guitars - Acoustic, Electric and Lead (see A & C under Rhythm Section)
  - A. Is your sound clear and pleasing based on the hall you're in? Balance tone.
  - B. Lead - Cut through for exciting solos, draw back during accompaniment.
  - C. Guitars should not duplicate the same strum/chords of any other guitarist.
3. Keyboard - Piano, Synth and Pads (see points from above sections)
  - A. Know your role for each song and support the soundscape
  - B. Playing the lead vocal part can be very helpful (Usually Soprano)
  - C. If you have a solo, bring it out and express each note for full value. You make a keyboard sing with full note values under your fingers. Be lyrical.

## ***//) "With the Lord's musical instruments"***

The band is the Lord's and everything in it

David prescribed instruments in scripture as the Lord's for his glory not ours

- A. Music will bring to the people what the musician brings to their music.
- B. Bring humility and thirst for God's presence to your playing and that will carry into the congregation. And as Psalm 33 says, "SING!" These are part of "playing skillfully" in [Psalm 33:3](#)
- C. Notice that you should be singing too! If you don't sing, many from the church will watch and not sing when they are to sing praises to the Lord! (Wind instruments exempt!) The church will imitate what they see- [watch video](#)

Do not bring even a hint of greed for attention or impurity of heart and you'll do fine!

God saw these things in the evil hearts in [Amos 6:5-6](#)

**"You strum away on your harps like David and improvise on musical instruments. You ... use the finest lotions, but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph."**

When playing music for God and his glory, we shouldn't play with fire! God is holy and the wicked shall not stand before him.

Deny yourself, be a team player - solely consecrated to bring God's people to the throne and presence of God and the presence of God to the people.

This will only happen by the Holy Spirit! So we need to be holy and spiritual - sanctified and consecrated as we are called to be as his saints.

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### **For Further Study**

[Romans 6:13](#)  
[2 Timothy 2:21-22](#)  
[1 Chronicles 16:42](#)  
[2 Chronicles 29:26](#)  
[1 Chronicles 23:5](#)  
[Isaiah 38:20](#)  
[Judges 5:10-11](#)  
[John 4:24](#)