

*"And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him." 1Samuel 16:23*



Every coin has two sides. If certain types of music can drive evil spirits away, it is also true that other types attract. Let's think about demon possession in scripture. Those possessed were violent, ran publicly naked, mutilated themselves, and rebelled against moral society. What things characterize the "Rock-n-Roll" generation? Why are the fans at a concert so out of control and the music so addictive? It is accompanied by powerful unseen evil spirits that drive performer and fan alike to their destruction. One of the best ways to prepare your heart for a rendezvous with the Lover of your soul is with spiritual music that speaks to your heart and not your body. If it makes your foot tap it's probably not good preparation music. If the song lifts your mind and heart to adore the KING, then you're on the right track. "Thumpers" attract evil. (My term for physically exciting music) Sometimes we mistake "Thumpers" for lively traditional Christian. There are many pastors that forbid the use of drums in the Church, because of the evil they attract. Lively Christian music does not require drums. Drums drive Rock-n-Roll. They are used often in the rituals surrounding idol worship. I find it interesting that rock musicians are called "stars" and "idols." Study ancient idol worship and you'll find that the sun, a "star," figures prominently in most. If you must have music, use Godly music to enhance your life, not beat-driven lyrics with little if any melody. The three parts of music, melody, harmony, and rhythm correspond to the three parts of man, spirit, soul, and body accordingly. They are both one yet three. The three are separate but must function as one to be whole. Melody is what calls our spirits to worship in Truth. You can hum and whistle a melody, while harmony and rhythm sound a bit awkward by themselves. There is enough evil around us already without our music adding to the problem.

The harp drove the evil from his bed,  
And brought sweet rest to his heart instead,  
If we would the evil drive away,  
To God alone must our music play. -CGP

Bad music may excite you physically, but it dirties the soul and opens the door to temptation. Be careful of what your musical diet consists.

*"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;" Ephesians 5:19-20*