**Music**

**Many say that love is the universal language in the world, however one can argue that music is just as universal. Music can make has the ability taping into every emotion that we can have. It is hard to think of a world without music. Music is prevalent throughout the bible. You may face challenges from many on the type of music that you or someone else listens to. Music tell stories, paints pictures and can be as visual as it needs to be. However the words that we may use in music may not be appropriate for those who want to live a life for God. I definitely understand that music reflects the current state of affairs. Let’s see what the bible says on inappropriate language that can effect music:**

[**Ephesians 4:29**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+4%3A29&version=ESV) **Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.**

[**Ephesians 5:4**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+5%3A4&version=ESV) **Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.**

[**Colossians 3:8-10**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+3%3A8-10&version=ESV) **But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.**

[**Exodus 20:7**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+20%3A7&version=ESV) **“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.**

[**Proverbs 4:24**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+4%3A24&version=ESV) **Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you.**

[**Psalm 34:12-14**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+34%3A12-14&version=ESV) **What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.**

[**Matthew 15:11**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+15%3A11&version=ESV) **It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person.”**

[**James 3:1-18**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James+3%3A1-18&version=ESV) **Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ...**

[**Matthew 12:36**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+12%3A36&version=ESV) **I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak,**

[**Proverbs 10:11**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+10%3A11&version=ESV) **The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.**

[**Proverbs 19:1**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+19%3A1&version=ESV) **Better is a poor person who walks in his integrity than one who is crooked in speech and is a fool.**

[**Colossians 4:6**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+4%3A6&version=ESV) **Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.**