



It's Music To His Ears

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Relationship

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1 Corinthians 14:7 NIV

Dear Beautiful G.G. (God-Seeking Girlfriend),

Are You In Tune?

The Christmas concert on the square would occur in two days. The text message that chirped on my cell phone read, “I am entering violin agony mode. Do u know details for Fri night?” Let me explain. Both my friend Melody and I have young daughters who are taking violin lessons at school. If you have ever had a child learning to play a stringed instrument, you will immediately understand the above comment. If you have not, then suffice it to say that for the first few years, encouraging practice at home is at best a double-edged sword. However, “That’s music to my ears” is an important phrase to learn if you want to encourage continued musical interest and participation.

While a violin rests in its case the strings tend to become flat (out of key) and need to be tightened. Before beginning a musical session, the violin has to be tuned. One string not tuned correctly can decimate a potentially lovely melody.

Is that how we are in our relationship with God? Do we play our melody for Him, check it off our to-do list and then put our faith back in the instrument case to store until the next time we take it out? Or are we continuously tuning our instruments (our faith, worship, service, prayer, the fruit of the spirit)? Am I playing for Him a continuous worship melody that is music to His ears? The obvious answer is NO! I know that I have “flat” strings that are in constant need of being tuned, and if I don’t tune my instrument each and every day...I start to sound like a screeching cat with her tail caught in the door jam.

This made me ponder:

1. What string do I need to tune today? Fear, anxiety, frustration, irritation, addiction, gossip, money, relationship?
2. What is that hidden tune in my heart?
3. In what area is God asking me to be ‘in tune’ that I haven’t even uttered out loud because it is too scary, or too embarrassing, or too weird?
4. Is there a distinction in the tune I play?

Stop

Pray right now for God our Father to give you wisdom in the area you desire a tuning. Give yourself the gift of having a moment with Him.

He in His great wisdom gave us the most amazing gift of all, His son Jesus. It is the birth of Jesus that we are celebrating right now. He is our Savior, our King, our Prince of Peace. He will help us tune our instruments if we will just go to Him. Let’s yearn to be a glorious symphony for our Savior Jesus Christ.

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To begin as a screeching, out of tune instrument may not seem glamorous, but in time, in time spent with Christ, there is the possibility of a melodious arrangement. There will be an obvious distinction in our notes.

The orchestra Christmas concert was ‘fun,’ and you can interpret ‘fun’ any way you feel inclined. But as I stood there and listened, it gave me the aspiration to be in tune with Jesus. Let’s go out into the world as His instrument.

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