

A Worship Minute...

Why you need to sing loudly in Church? (Reason #4 of 5)

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Five reasons you have no choice but to sing in church on Sunday. Here is Reason #4...

WE ARE WHAT WE SING!

Singing affects how we pray, think and feel. It influences our memory banks and even the deepest parts of our subconscious. My wife, Kristyn, and I have noticed when we sing children's hymns in the car with our girls they actually behave better than if, say, they were watching television.

At the other end of the scale, my grandfather arrived at church early on Sundays - very early. He sat in the pew, opened a hymnal, and rehearsed the songs to himself over and over. And though I was glad when we visited him, quiet reflection early on a Sunday morning was not my forte.

But, many years later, when he was in his nineties and unable to remember my name or how to accomplish even the most basic tasks of daily life, he still could recite or respond to the words of those hymns. They were songs he carried for life, and they brought him considerable peace, even at one of the most difficult stages of life, because they were so deeply engrained to his being.

In Deuteronomy 31, we read the instruction of the Lord to Moses to write down the words of the song he was given and to teach it to his children so that when many evils and trouble befell them, the song would be a reminder to them lest they turn away. If the songs we sing to ourselves and to each other are just of the moment, detached from Scripture and

lacking in history or perspective, we've little to keep us moored to Truth. But when we are intentional about singing and the songs we sing, we build up a testimony that will travel with us through life.