

PLAIN SPEECH

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“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech” (2 Cor. 3:12)

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BE YE DOERS OF THE SONG, NOT SINGERS ONLY

Hearing the Word of God without obeying it is a fruitless, self-deceiving exercise (**James 1:21-25**).

Well, what about when Christians are no longer “doers of the song,” but have become “singers only?”

Has it ever occurred to you there are folks who have rendered initial obedience to God (**Acts 2:38**) – those who readily call themselves Christians (**Acts 11:26**); those and who happily sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (**Colossians 3:16**) while in the assembly of the saints (**1 Corinthians 14:15**) – yet very rarely practice what they sing about? How sad.

How about you? Do the songs you sing, match the life you lead? Can you really say that you are a doer of the song and not just a singer? Are you practicing the words you sing or are you self-deceived?

Whether or not one is a singer and a doer is something that each needs to reflect upon. Yes, we all would do well to engage in a little self-examination in this regard (**2 Corinthians 13:5**). To help each illicit an honest conclusion, I have listed below a sample of “old favorites” from the songbook we use – *Hymns for Worship*. Please take time to really read the lyrics and truthfully decide if repentance is in order.

- #73 – Sweet Hour Of Prayer
- #209 – Christ For The World We Sing
- #230 – This World Is Not My Home
- #231 – Soldiers Of The Cross Arise
- #265 – Faith Of Our Fathers
- #332 – I Surrender All
- #392 – Count Your Blessings
- #394 – Love One Another
- #396 – We’ll Work Till Jesus Comes
- #397 – Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus
- #414 – O How I Love Jesus
- #416 – Do All In The Name Of The Lord
- #487 – A New Creature
- #496 – Where He Leads I’ll Follow
- #497 – Give Me The Bible
- #508 – When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder
- #522 – For Christ And The Church
- #531 – A Soul Winner For Jesus
- #535 – Faith Is The Victory
- #560 – It Is Well With My Soul
- #602 – Salvation Has Been Brought Down

Will you commit to be a doer of the song, not a singer only?