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## The Worship Leader Assessment measures ten specific areas of worship

**leading.** When all ten areas become strengths of the worship pastor, worship leaders, and worship team members, the ministry will be best equipped to honor God and serve his people. The 10 areas include...

1. ***Humility.*** We are not entitled to be a part of this ministry. Playing, singing, producing, acting, or leading on this team is not a right; it's a privilege. We don't do anything on this team because we have skill. We do it because God is good and worthy of praise. Despite our sin, his grace allows us to minister in this way. This means humility and humbleness are top priorities.
2. ***Transparency.*** God sees everything we do, and knows the heart of why we do it, both while we are on the platform and everywhere else. Our goal is for Him to be seen in and through us, not for us to be noticed. We are designed to reveal God and all His glory.
3. ***Order.*** God is not a God of chaos or confusion, but a God of order. So let us all prepare our hearts, practice the music, and also be punctual, professional, accountable, dependable, and flexible according to the needs of this ministry.
4. ***Accountability.*** Growth is difficult to measure in worship ministry. Although evaluation is difficult and often uncomfortable, it is an important part of growth. There must be a prerequisite agreement to accountability. This means we agree to submit ourselves to being evaluated, to give an account, and to be held responsible. We will not enjoy the blessings of God if we are not pursuing personal and spiritual growth through accountable relationships that challenge and spur each other on.
5. ***Abiding.*** Effective ministry is the result of a quality relationship with God, not vice versa. Our personal spiritual growth is a prerequisite to our participation in ministry. This will be evident by being connected through worship services, fellowship or life groups, faith builders classes, bible studies, and personal time with God.
6. ***Example.*** People look to us as examples and leaders. So we need to be a Godly example! We are held responsible for the way we lead others by modeling faith, love, and worship. Let's lead them to Jesus. This goes for on and off platform.
7. ***Skill.*** God equips those He calls for ministry with the skills they need to glorify Himself. Some skills are acquired through lessons, learning, practice, and experience. Other skills are supernatural gifts from God that cannot be learned by human power alone. Leading worship involves all of these.
8. ***Excellence.*** God is worthy of our best, so we strive to worship Him with excellence. Your experience in other similar areas of worship can be an asset to your contribution to this ministry. Yet it will be vital that you maintain a teachable, coachable attitude so that we can all work together toward the same goal, which is to glorify the Father. This will be evident by our prayer, practicing, listening, rehearsing, and unity.
9. ***Team Unity.*** It's not always easy for a group of people to get along. We need to work together as a team. We should have high expectations of the co-members of this team. But coupled with those high expectations is tons of God's grace. Do your best. We'll remember together that we aren't perfect. Be honest with yourself and the rest of the team. If there is a conflict, let's discuss it up front instead of letting it grow.
10. ***Submission.*** God arranges the parts of his body to function in the way He chooses. By including you in his ministry, God asks you to be responsible and accountable to the leader(s) He has placed over you. Give Him honor by honoring, supporting, and following those called leaders.

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