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1 Chronicles 15:22

"And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was in charge of the singing; he gave instruction in singing because he was skillful." 1 Chronicles 15:22

It is said that Paganini was the greatest violinist the world has ever seen. He was so skillful that people used to say that he was in league with the devil! How twisted our thinking! "Be not conformed to this world (and its thinking and its ways) but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..." (Romans 12:2) Why must we believe the best musicians are some how empowered by evil to achieve their success? Many of the great singers, whether blues or jazz, pop or rock, gospel or country, have foundational experiences in their local church choirs! But haven't we allowed the world to say that the church is always "a day late and a dollar short"?

The church's musicians ought to be the best! Christian businessmen should be leading the way to honest and upright business practices in our communities. Our teachers should be the finest examples in moral and intelligent pursuits! It has always been easy to find opportunities within the local church – even to sing in the choir if you couldn't carry a tune, but the times are changing! There is much activity in preparation for the King's return! The call is out for the skillful, for the trained, for the best in their respective fields.

Whatever your calling in God, pursue it with a determination to be excellent, and to honor Him with your best. "Whatever you do, do it heartily unto the LORD!" (Colossians 3:23)

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