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The inspiration for this article comes from an Old Testament story. In this story there is a special building project undertaken by Solomon. The four stages explained in this article are the exact same steps illustrated in this story. You will find that these four concepts will dramatically help you in your music ministry. You need to take this information and start creating an overwhelming positive worship experience in your church's worship service.

This is where we begin – One day as I was reading the Bible I came across an amazing scripture. Solomon's temple was completed and the priests were ministering and then God's glory filled the temple. The awe and reverence caused everyone to stop and let God inhabit the worship.

Looking back I realized that there was a lot of hard work and preparation that needed to happen. The nation Israel needed to come together and build the temple. It all started with a vision from David. He desired to build a temple that was worthy for God. But, he could not because he shed too much blood in his lifetime. The torch was past on to his son Solomon.

Then I noticed that there was a distinct pattern regarding the various stages of the project. And the pattern fits no matter what kind of building project you start. I want to show you how it applies to your music ministry.

The metaphor of building a house is appropriate in the fact that it gives you a visual model to help understand how to build your music ministry. And you can apply this basic principle to make vast improvements in the way you minister to the people you serve.

With all this in mind let us look at the four major steps toward building an awesome music ministry.

There are basically four major milestones whenever a building project is undertaken. These four milestones insure the success of the project. You can take these proven principles and apply them to your ministry.

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Here are the four major areas..

1) Have a Blueprint to guide your course.

You need to know and understand the final outcome. You need to determine the real purpose and goal for doing what you do. A blueprint will help guide and direct your path. The benefit of doing this is you will be able to predict the outcome with a great deal of accuracy. You will have a roadmap and compass that will guide you through the process. You will be able to make adjustments to the way you are doing things now.

2) Build on a Solid Foundation

Obviously, a solid foundation is perhaps the most important aspect of a building. As a Christian you must stand on a good foundation. You need a relationship with God that is built on truth. And you need to nurture that relationship. A Solid Foundation insures that you get off to a positive start. A weak foundation can only end up in ruin.

3) Build the house using the right tools

Whenever a carpenter, mason, contractor builds a house the success of that project depend on having the right tools to build the house. As someone who uses music to minister to the people you serve, it is important that you have the right tools also. There are several factors that will help improve your presentation and delivery of the message you are responsible to give. You need to be skillful in the things you do. Remember it is God who is working through you. God is not mediocre and neither should you. After all you need to realize that Christ dwell in you. With the right tools you can dramatically improve your ministry.

4) Moving into the house.

When Solomon's temple was completed and the people began to worship and amazing event took place that is nothing short of phenomenal. God's glory filled the temple. I truly believe that when God is in the midst of our worship it is nothing short of amazing. I think you will agree with me that when everyone is in the right frame of mind and heading in the same direction, with the blessing of the Lord, nothing is impossible. Include having the Creator inhabit the praises of His people.

What makes this process better is that it is based on solid Biblical principles. These principles have proven to be the best way to start and fulfill the commission. It is illustrated by the awesome task undertaken by Solomon to build the Temple. Scripture further reinforces it. Furthermore, what makes it better is that is simple. Have you ever noticed that the most profound things in life are often rooted in simple easy to understand ideas. I feel that I was blessed to share this information to help build the body of Christ. My vision is to see as many people as possible experience the moment when God's Glory fills the temple. It gives me goosebumps just thinking about it.

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What's The Typical Job Description For A Minister Of Music?

By Rita Henry

According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Musicians, singers, and related workers are employed in a variety of settings. Of those who earn a wage or salary, almost two-thirds were employed by religious organizations..." and "Most new wage and salary jobs for musicians will arise in religious organizations." If you've decided to enter music ministry, then you've chosen the best segment of the music industry in which to work, and not only financially. As a minister of music, you'll have the tremendous satisfaction of fostering both the love of music and the love of God in your work. But there's more than just playing music in the typical job description for a minister of music.

Long gone are the days when the Minister of Music was the choir director, working on his or her own to draw beautiful music from the voices of the congregation. Today's job description for minister of music is as likely to include supervising a full team of music directors and leaders as it is to have you standing before the choir yourself. More and more, the job description of a minister of music puts a high premium on understanding the use of the newest technology in planning and presenting music as part of worship services. As a member of the music ministry, you may direct choirs, sit on the planning ministry to help steer worship goals and objectives, produce and direct lavish performances on a world class scale. Your job duties may include any or all of the following:

- Direct church choirs of varying sizes and commitments from kindergarteners to professional singers
- Provide and schedule music for all church services
- Select or help select the hymns for church services
- Prepare choirs and bands for competition
- Offer special music classes to parishioners
- Arrange and direct special music retreats for choir, band and chorus members
- Oversee other musical staff such as directors of choirs, organists and other musicians, worship leaders and accompanists

In some smaller churches, you may be the only music minister, and be responsible for developing and directing all church music. In a larger church, there may be many music ministers all working together under one director of music services.

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If you're considering a career in the music ministry, you'll find that foremost under the job qualifications in a job description for minister of music are a deep commitment to the faith and a call to the ministry. Most churches require that you uphold the standards and beliefs of the religion as well as have excellent musical and teaching skills.

If you are drawn to a career in music ministry, your path may begin as a part time choir director or paid accompanist. As you demonstrate your abilities in leadership and music, you will find more and more doors opening to you. A career in the music ministry is deeply and richly rewarding. If it's the path to which you've been called, you'll find that there are many opportunities for you to share your love of music with others who feel the same way that you do.

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