## Theme: SPIRITUAL AND EDIFYING MEDIUM

**Memory Verse** Col. 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord".

## Texts: Revelations 14:2, 2 Kings 3:15

From the days of old, music has always been spiritual and edifying medium. The scripture exhorts us to admonish one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. David's songs and playing on the harp had great spiritual and soothing impact on Saul. Elisha called for a minstrel under whose ministration he received inspiration. Indeed, hymn singing is a great inspiration to those who preach; just as good singing and music precede most of all preaching today. In heaven music continues (Rev. 14:2). Such is the traditional and even future use of music.

But in contemporary times, music has been perverted from its original spiritual inspirational, edifying context. Wild music which in the past was one exclusive of sinners in brothels and pleasure-mad houses has now been brought to the Churches. Most churches have lost the solemnity, inspiration, freshness, and refreshing that comes with Christian music in the Bible. Contemporary youths are besieged by rock, n roll, wild noisy music, drumming and tunes which are very much akin to those that obtain in heathen shrines.

Wild secular music has a strong appeal which makes the mind stray away from the Kingdom. Contemporary so called-Christian music is a vice which the believer must free himself from. The local practice of chieftaincy titles, traditional honour, and kingship as done in some societies comes with all its vices and the believer in contemporary times must avoid it like a plaque. It is disheartening to see a Christian relish in the conferment of a chieftaincy title on him. One wonders how near or far such a Christian is from his Lord. Did not Jesus show his detachment from such earthly conferment of titles?

	DAILY BIBLE	READING	
MORNING		EVENING.	
MON.	Neh. 7	Neh. 8	
TUS.	Neh. 9	Neh. 10	
WED.	Neh. 11	<b>Neh. 12</b>	
THUR.	Neh. 13	<b>Est. 1</b>	
FRI.	<b>Est. 2</b>	Est. 3	
SAT.	<b>Est. 4</b>	<b>Est. 5</b>	
SUN.	<b>Est. 6</b>	Est. 7	