

CONTEMPORARY



5 Super Useful Tips for Joining the Choir

Easy tips to help you accomplish your vocal aspirations.

Re-imagining the Voice in Ministry^(c)

1. Speak to other Choir members – From the outside looking in the choir can look daunting, especially mass choirs that take up the whole stage! Everyone has beautiful voices and looks good, will they let you join? Are you good enough? Rather than worry about ability, speak to a few members of the choir to get a better picture of skills and ability required to join. Fear about your abilities lead to insecurity which leads to poor vocal skills.

2. Find out the Choir's Vision - Does the Choir have a written vision? I believe it is important to understand why you are joining the choir and that the choir you are joining has purpose and a direction. Are they there just to pad out Sunday Service or is there a real tangible God fearing ministry emerging? If **YOU** have a vision, you will find it harder to settle into a choir who does not have one.

3. Get Vocal Training - Singing in the choir can take its toll on your vocals, especially if you are untrained. Consider taking a few lessons privately with a professional Vocal coach, so you can get off to a great start in the choir. Start as you mean to go on.

4. Encourage your own self –If you already have underlying insecurities(*trust me you are not the only one!*) about your vocal skills before joining the choir , the chances are these will be magnified when you join. It is not uncommon to find concerns arise around among members about who is a good singer and who is not. Yes this does happen, but don't let that put you off. The Choir is a great area of ministry unto God. But I would be doing you a great disservice if I said problems didn't arise, they do, and you need to be able to encourage yourself and not allow your confidence to be undermined. A great way to start encouraging yourself is to: Admit your weakness and celebrate your strengths. Then build from there.

5. Be Spiritually and Mentally Prepared – Membership in a choir can be demanding both on your time and physical skills. You need to be able to stand under pressure. There will be times when you are required to learn loads of songs in a short period, have lots of different outfits changes, sing at length day in day out (for instance at Conventions), get home at late hours. Building a strong relationship with God through prayer and scripture will give you a distinct advantage and prepare you for your new journey in the Choir.

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