The VOCALIST Cheat Sheet



7 quick reminders to keep you focused as you're about to sing.

[for tablets and smart phones]

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Put this cheat sheet on your iPad or smart phone, and review within 10 minutes before you're about to play – every time you play.

Quick Reminder #1

You are one voice among many.

Your role in the band is to blend your voice with others, to create a sound that doesn't sound like many individuals, but rather like one, harmonizing voice. For that reason, control your vibrato, listen closely to the leader and other vocals, and create a "buzz" – a sonic unity – with the other vocals.

Quick Reminder #2

Smile...occasionally.

Many people in the congregation are taking their cues from you as to whether or not they'll engage with the worship music being sung today. Every once in a while stop concentrating so hard, look up, and naturally smile. It goes a long way to help others.

Quick Reminder #3

Lead with your countenance.

Your smile is part of your countenance, but not all of it. Engage in worship with your face, your body, and the way you look around the room. If you look distracted, or like this is "all about the music," it will affect those who are watching you in worship.

Quick Reminder #4

You're here to serve.

You are here to serve worship happening in this room, and there are people who have come in desperately needing to meet with God in worship. Give your all to make that happen, singing sensitively and skillfully. Make this about them.

Quick Reminder #5

Get beyond the songs.

These songs are just a container for thanks, praise, and adoration from these people. Sing the songs well, but turn your heart to worship as you do. You are leading with your face and intensity. People are letting you lead them in worship, so get beyond performing.

Quick Reminder #6

Listen and watch for musical cues.

Keeping your eyes and ears open, be attentive to following the cues of the worship leader. When his/her phrases end, end yours. When they begin to lead into another chorus, be ready to go for it. Map with their lyrical rhythms. Think musically, and be attentive.

Quick Reminder #7

Love what you do.

What you are about to do is a privilege. The stage is not a right or an opportunity for you to express your ministry. Love that you get to worship with your voice. Love that you get to serve your leader and this band. Love that you get to lead God's people in worship. Ready, steady, go.

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