

# What Every Worship Leader Needs To Know, Really

I've been into lists lately.

Lists keep me focused.  
Lists give me motivation. [seeing the task clearly before me]  
Lists are fun to check off.  
Lists can be scrapped.  
Lists take all the floating tasks out of my head.  
Lists give me concrete things to attack.  
Lists give me a sense of accomplishment.

So, in the spirit of lists, here are **three lists**.

## First, what do I need to know about worship leading?

It's not about me – it's about God.  
It's personal – I need to be one of those “really connected to God” people  
It's about the Kingdom more than “our church” or our seeker sensitive church or our denomination or our charismatic church.  
It's about team – the solo act era is over.  
It's about a heart connection – the song service era is done.

## And now on to the list of how to's...

I have to know how to hear God and obey [it's the “magic formula” – anytime you find yourself following the same formula in preparing to lead and then in leading, other than this one, you're apt to miss it!]  
I have to know how to activate worshippers.  
I have to know how to teach new songs.  
I have to know how to work with different leaders.  
I have to know how to ask for commitment.  
I have to know how to keep on top of administrative details [or team it out].  
I have to know how to use music effectively.  
I have to know how to pastor the artists serving with you.  
I have to know how to flow UNDER authority and [just as importantly] flow WITH authority myself.  
I have to know how to relax...remember the first line of the first “need to know” list? [it's not about me]

Finally, it's time to interact. What follows is a list of questions. Questions you can just think about, share your thoughts on the blog about [[adlibmusic247.blogspot.com](http://adlibmusic247.blogspot.com)], or simply reply to this email to interact only with Dave.

When considering the previous lists...

What don't you agree with?  
What most surprised you?  
What is missing?  
What are you going to share with your team?  
What are you hoping to work on personally?  
What would you like to explore further in a future Worship Fertilizer?

We hope you're encouraged by the Worship Fertilizer, a free resource from Ad Lib Music, *“in simple love and pure devotion to Jesus, we are eradicating isolation and burnout so that leaders bear much fruit!”*