



General Topics :: Don Francisco

Don Francisco - posted by jordanamo, on: 2006/11/24 21:49

I would like to open an offer to you all that Don and his family are giving out. They just opened up all their music online (most of it I believe) for free. (Previously it was like \$30 for a lifetime membership or whatever and access, but some could not afford that, so he just opened it up to all.)

This music is really great. I mean, really. I haven't listened to all of it, but mostly his older stuff seems to really got that... gosh, niceness to it. And his children/wife's music is different too but along the same lines of single instrument + voice + storytelling. Download the Collections thing for what I'm talking about.

He seems to be different than most "Christian" artists in the sense that he is really honest and just tells good stories that I've noticed and is very... gosh, it's just I feel he has God's anointing on him and his family I believe and I don't need to listen to all of his songs, only a few, to tell that. :)

Some recommendations to start you off:

(http://www.rockymountainministries.org/mp3s/Albums/HesAlive/HA_HesAlive_DonFrancisco.mp3) He's Alive -

(http://www.rockymountainministries.org/mp3s/Albums/BeautifulToMe/BTM_SteepleSong_DonFrancisco.mp3) Steeple Song-

(http://www.rockymountainministries.org/mp3s/Albums/HesAlive/HA_IDontCareWhereYouveBeenSleepin_DonFrancisco.mp3) I Don't Care Where You've Been Sleepin-

Found on Youtube, a live video of his "Grace on Grace" just recently filmed, http://youtube.com/watch?v=U3wOclB5VU0

Etc. Hope it blesses you as much as it has me. (Forgot, here: http://www.rockymountainministries.org/)

Jordan

(*Moderator edit ~ Adjusted your links, turning them into shorter URLs, long URLs make the page "wide" and difficult to read. Just a minor adjustment)

Re: Don Francisco - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/11/25 5:10

Jordan wrote:

Quote: -----gosh, niceness -----

Quote: ----- gosh, it's just I feel -----

Jordan, do you not have a conscience against using profanity?

ginnyrose

Re: Focus on the spirit of the post - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/11/25 8:13

Quote:

----- Jordan, do you not have a conscience against using profanity

Ginnyrose, perhaps you don't know what has happened recently in Jordan's life. God's Spirit has been doing an amazing work to awaken his conscience. He is honestly working on having better language. But this 16 yo has not yet found the verse in scripture that says "Thou shalt not say 'Gosh'". He didn't have the same religious background as you or I did where in Sunday School we learned that gosh, golly, gee, geewizz, geeppers, are all probably derivatives of God and Jesus, and thus not the most refined of word choices.

Jordan is here to grow in his love for Christ, and we are here to cooperate with the Spirit, not to create a religious conformist. The transforming work inside this heart must come first. The 'p's and 'q's will come along.

If you listen to the music links that he has posted, and you will be blessed. And you will be touched that this youth has chosen not to jump to the tunes of the world.

Jordan, thanks for the music. I am always happy for leads to good Christian music.

Just a sidenote:

As a musician I fervently believe that good music has a tremendous role in our lives. And yet, in order to be strong, mature Christians, we must keep God's Word a priority, and also our own prayer life - where we hear personally from the Spirit.

I say that because I see so many Christian youth who get carried away with music. As a result, their relationship with God suffers. Jordan, I trust that you will always guard your heart - and be careful to seek first the Giver, and then praise him for the gifts.

Thank you for introducing me to Don Francisco.

Edit: He has some carefully thought-out articles too. He's more than just a musician, he is a man who seeks truth.

God bless

Re: Don Francisco - posted by Tears_of_joy, on: 2006/11/25 8:24

Jordan, thank you for the information, these are wonderful news.

One of my favourite songs by Don Francisco is
(http://www.rockymountainministries.org/mp3s/Albums/HesAlive/HA_TooSmallAPrice_DonFrancisco.mp3) Too Small A Price
His songs are whole stories.

Here are the lyrics of that song:

Too Small A Price

by Don Francisco

I awoke to hear the jailer turn the key and push the door
"Get out here!" he shouted, but I stayed there on the floor
Frozen in the terror that rose and filled my brain
For I knew what they intended; I could not face the pain

Then soldier's came into the cell and they dragged me to the yard
They threw me down before a cross and brought the whip down hard
"Carry it!" they shouted as I struggled to my feet
I put my shoulder under it; dragged it to the street

I stumbled through a wall of screams as they drove me through the gate
It seemed that thousands lined the streets, their voices filled with hate
Like a wolf pack in the night that moves in for the kill
They closed the gap and followed us as we started up the hill

And it seemed I'd barely reached the top when they grabbed me from behind
They threw the cross down under me and tied the ropes that bind
The arms close to the beams as they nailed the feet and hands
And they raised the cross up in the air and dropped it in its stand

Through a blur of pain I saw the cross there next to mine
There were people all around it so I looked to read the sign
It was nailed there up above His head so the world could see the news
That the man who seemed so helpless there was the King of all the Jews

Well, the crowd that stood around His cross made jokes about His name
They shouted, laughed and spat on Him so I joined in the game
Then I said, "Hey! if you're the King why don't You get us down from here?"
The taunt just sounded hollow and it echoed in my ears

'Cause He looked at me with eyes that seemed to reach into my heart
They shone a light on all my lies and tore my life apart
There was more that lay behind His gaze than simply blood and clay
But knowing was too much for me; I had to look away

Then I chanced another look at Him as He was looking down
Where the soldiers who'd just crucified us drank there on the ground
And although He spoke them quietly, somehow His words came through
He said, "Father, please forgive them; they don't know what they do."

Then as if they'd heard Him speaking, the crowd began to roar
Whipped to frenzy by the priests who urged them on to more
But the worse the accusations, now, the plainer I could see
The guilt of the accusers -- not the One there next to me

Then the man upon the other cross began to curse and swear
But his voice was filled with venom as he hurled it through the air
When all the horror that was in him, and had laid his life to waste
Came out in every syllable he flung in Jesus' face

And Jesus only looked at him, but something rose inside of me
And in spite of all that watched us there, it couldn't be denied
Because His righteousness and innocence were shining bright and strong
I just couldn't keep my silence and that cursing still went on

I cried out, "Don't you fear the wrath of God even at the end?
You'll curse us both into the pit -- is that what you intend?
We're only getting what we're due -- we've sinned our whole lives long
But don't you talk to Him that way -- He's done nothing wrong!"

Then with all my courage, in a voice not quite my own
I asked Him, "Lord, remember me when you come into your throne."
He answered me and even then, His love was undisguised
He said, "Before the sun has set today, you'll be with Me in Paradise."

Well the shouts and curses did not stop even when the sunlight ceased
But somehow in the midst of it my soul had been released

And though the agony continued, it was still too small a price
To be allowed to hear those words, and to die beside the Christ!

Re: Sabado Gigante - posted by Santana (), on: 2006/11/25 10:47

When I seen the headline "Don Francisco" I thought about the host of the biggest show in the world: Sabado Gigante (Gigantic Saturday).

I'm thinking he got saved or something.

:-) This is a universal 3-hour show with OVER A HUNDRED MILLION VIEWERS...WEEKLY!!!! Don Francisco is the biggest name in every spanish household, even Israel.

Imagine the impact he would make if a man this big got on his knees, repented, and lived solely, and wholly to Jesus Christ our Lord. ok, wrong thread, sorry.

:)

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/11/25 14:24

Diane,

Please...I asked Jordan this question and I do not expect anyone else to answer for him....

And as a side note, would you deny the possibility of my question as being one in which the Holy Spirit would use to help him in his growth and knowledge in the LORD? When God cleans up a person, there is a lot of confrontation between what was and what HE wants us to become...happens to all who follow the LORD...

ginnyrose

Re:, on: 2006/11/25 21:32

Quote:

-----Jordan, do you not have a conscience against using profanity

Profanity? Are you kidding me?...I am fairly new to this forum, but I do not apologize for my bluntness. The brother was just trying to share some quality christian music with other folks on this forum. In fact, I thought his post was rather endearing. He sounded like "The Beaver!"

Quote:

-----And as a side note, would you deny the possibility of my question as being one in which the Holy Spirit would use to help him in his growth and knowledge in the LORD? When God cleans up a person, there is a lot of confrontation between what was and what HE wants us to become...happens to all who follow the LORD...

I do not think the Holy Spirit would "strain at a knot!"

Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2006/11/25 21:59

Quote:

-----I do not think the Holy Spirit would "strain at a knat!(sic)"

Actually, using an alternative expletive may seem like a small matter but the Holy Spirit is deeply concerned with the every detail of our lives that is not Christ-like and He deals with them, in His own timing.

In Christ,

Ron

Re: Profanity - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/11/25 22:00

Sir,

What do you make of Mat 12:36 (Jesus is speaking) But I say unto you, That every idle word that, men shall speak, they shall give account thereof, in the day of judgment.

If any poster would have come on board here and declared he wanted to do something ungodly, many would come on with rebuke.....why the difference with profanity? Consider James 2:10: For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. Or consider Exo 20:7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. Not to my knowledge has Jesus ever rescinded this command. I am shocked you consider this a 'knat'. (in Mississippi we have gnats!):-)

ginnyrose

Re:, on: 2006/11/25 22:36

ginnyrose,

First of all, thank you for the spelling lesson.

Secondly, that is the first time in my life that I have ever heard that "gosh" was profanity. So since it seems to be a gray area, I do not think that it is necessary for you to lay a heavy burden upon this young kid's back.

Yes, I agree with Matthew 12:36, but please do not take scripture out of context. Jesus was talking about the words we use as they relate to the condition of our hearts. He is saying that an unregenerate person's words will condemn him in the Day of Judgment. His own words will testify against him; that he never knew God. He is not talking about one of His children slipping up here and there.

My goodness! Who could stand if that were so?

I do not know this brother's heart, but if he was just trying to share some godly Christian music with folks, then I can assume he was speaking out of the "good treasure of his heart." Then according to scripture, Jesus would have no problem with what he said.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2006/11/25 23:55

Jordan, thank you for sharing these songs. I appreciated the "steeple song" I am going to ask if I can put a few of the songs into the godly music section of sermonindex.net

As for the mention of profanity I think we should all aim on these forums to give a good representation of Christ in all things we do including the use of our vocabulary. Christians should be the most righteous people on earth. We are the light of the earth. We are the salt of the earth. Holiness means a separation and we should use our words in a way that honors Christ.

These forums are a place for people to have serious godly conversations about scripture and the christian life. I am not blaming Jordan for what he wrote, I probably would not have caught it, but I thank Ginnyrose that she did and I would ask that we honor her sensitivity to these things. I believe she has good intentions in raising this and if not then still to honor this request is the most Christ-like response we can have.

I am under the conviction that the conversation of a Christian should be noticeably different than the conversation of the World.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." -Philippians 4:8

Re: - posted by Santana (), on: 2006/11/26 1:20

Read the very first post on this thread. It's Jordan with a few paragraphs being generous enough to share the great music of Don Francisco with a genuine heart as we can all see.

Now read the very second post on this thread.

Quote:

Jordan, do you not have a conscience against using profanity?

I'm sorry sister but that wasn't fair to Jordan. Maybe a "thanks for the music, by the way, I believe those are curse words your using and this is why" or something to that effect.

This whole thing about gosh and dang-it and geewiz being profanity is new to me. Personally it sounds ridiculous. If I use the words geewiz and gosh around anybody I know, they will already know I'm different because nobody talks like that where I come from.

My point was that it seemed like Ginnyrose had no interest in this thread except to point out the negatives. Ginny, don't take me the wrong way, please, but I don't like the way you went about it and I never in my life heard of "gosh" being profanity. I'm not reacting well to that, lol. I wasn't raised in the church so I'm still learning but it just sounds to legalistic for me. :-?

Re: - posted by JoeA (), on: 2006/11/26 1:40

Brother, thank you for introducing me to Don Francisco. I guess there is more to Christian music than just Keith Green. :-)

Re: reading the heart, and not the words - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/11/26 7:44

Quote:

----- Ginnyrose ... and I would ask that we honor her sensitivity to these things.

Greg, I appreciate the way you selected your words. You speak well of Ginnyrose – and ask that we honor her sensitivity - in other words, that we read beneath the words that she selected.

I ask, in turn, that we do the same for our brother, Jordan. I believe with all my heart that he did not intend to offend anyone by his word choices. May we look beneath the words.

And now back to Don Francisco.... I have been enjoying his articles. He has some interesting ways of cutting through some of our religious hypocrisy, and yet tries to stay true to the Spirit of the Word. Certainly lots of food for thought.

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2006/11/26 11:17

Quote:

roadsign wrote:

Quote:

----- Ginnyrose ... and I would ask that we honor her sensitivity to these things.

Greg, I appreciate the way you selected your words. You speak well of Ginnyrose – and ask that we honor her sensitivity - in other words, that we read beneath the words that she selected.

I ask, in turn, that we do the same for our brother, Jordan. I believe with all my heart that he did not intend to offend anyone by his word choices. May we look beneath the words.

Amen sister...

Nor did I realize like many others that this was considered profanity. Not that I use it these words...Thank God that Jesus is more merciful than most religious folk :-)

Sometimes, I discern they're are some out there in the cyberworld who are just waiting to jump on some poor soul if they are displeased with someone's comment. Is this love? How about sending a private message in love, instead of a public rebuke. Really now... :-? We all reap what we sow. Where's the mercy? Isn't there a verse somewhere in Scripture that says something like, "those who have been forgiven little love little, and those who have been forgiven much love much" ?

Even Jesus had mercy on the woman who committed adultery and was caught by the Pharisees.

Had to comment on this. Very sad!!!!!!! Nothing like a person cutting down their brother or sister to make themselves feel more holier than they really are. I'm not saying this happened in this post; however, I have seen it happen in others. One reason why I'm not commenting much these days, and another reason why i'm going abit off on it now.

Love you both Ginny and Jordan...let us all grow in the grace and the Love of our blessed Lord Christ Jesus. Don't know about you's, but the only blessed things about me are because of the grace of God...the bad things about me...well, that's me in the flesh. John Owen said something like, "If you don't kill sin, it will kill you." Why do I forget I'm dead to sin, but alive unto God? God help me...I need God, and I need prayer, and I need to shut-up now :-P

richie

Re: Don Francisco - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2006/11/26 13:05

Hi jordanamo...

I have several of Don Francisco's songs. The lyrics are quite moving! *Steeple Song* is quite compelling because it speaks about the nature of a true church vs. the desire to become a small or large "megachurch." I posted the lyrics in one of the threads a little over a year ago. (http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id6811&forum35#51195)

Thank you for sharing!

:-)

Re: - posted by Santana (), on: 2006/11/26 22:07

Quote:

Sometimes, I discern they're are some out there in the cyberworld who are just waiting to jump on some poor soul if they are displeased with someone's comment. Is this love? How about sending a private message in love, instead of a public rebuke. Really now... :-? We all reap what we sow. Where's the mercy?

I know that was for me. I feel really bad now. Forgive me brothers and sisters. I'm sorry Ginnyrose. Like I said before, I'm still learning. :-)

PS - Don Francisco rocks!

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2006/11/26 23:34

Quote:

Santana wrote:

Quote:

Sometimes, I discern they're are some out there in the cyberworld who are just waiting to jump on some poor soul if they are displeased with someone's comment. Is this love? How about sending a private message in love, instead of a public rebuke. Really now... :-? We all reap what we sow. Where's the mercy?

I know that was for me.

Dear brother, my statement was not meant to throw an in-direct cheap shot at you...God as my witness. I was just rumberling. But if it did bless you in any way then "Glory to God"....I just hate to read about little (what most times seem to me) carnal quarrels amongst the brethren. But I am not against flesh and blood friend.

Wishing you a blessed week in Christ Jesus Santana,
richie

Re:, on: 2006/11/27 8:05

This is further proof that it is completely impossible to have a conversation about music on this forum without it exploding into some totally unrelated rabbit trail...

I think Greg was right, and I think Diane was right. I think Ginny was right, and I think Ginny was wrong. If she has strong convictions about words like "gosh", then she should be able to bring that up for discussion. But I completely disagree with how it was handled here.

I think it was great that the original poster informed us about Don's music being available for free. So why hit him in the head with a baseball bat in the very first response?

We should be careful about idle words, yes. But Ginny, we are also to season our speech with grace as well. Proverbs

speaks to that quite a bit.

There is a time to be blunt, but I dont think this was one of them.

Don Francisco... great musician... incredible song writer. I find it interesting in light of this thread that a major theme running thru most of his music is **grace**.

Krispy