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I once knew some fellows who were devout Christians. Serious church guys. Listened only to music for, with and about God. They were against what they dubbed 'secular' music at this time. For many reasons I suppose. Perhaps they were worried it would sway them. Or the lyrical content may not be appropriate or in line with their beliefs. Typical. They were roommates. Not the nicest of places. Young and not far removed from their undergraduate degrees. So not much stuff, and even more so, not really nice stuff at all. A somewhat dingy apartment with the best that Ikea, Target and Walmart could provide in terms of furnishings, objects, products, etc.

They told me one time they had been robbed. Their place broken into. They told me the thieves had not taken much things. Them, being Walmart friendly, well, there were not many things to take obviously. But these thieves, they had taken the best of what these fellows had. A portable CD player. A guitar. A distortion pedal. Things of this nature.

They had also ransacked the CD rack. This is the 1990s. CDs were valuable. Assets. Precious gems. More than thirty percent of their CDs were missing. Perhaps more. And as the assessment of what was missing and what was still around went further, the CDs became a subject of interest. While going through the CDs, it became apparent that these thieves had taken the best of the best. Excellent music choice. Excellent music selection, these thieves.

This in itself was nothing outside of the ordinary. In a hurry, many thieves can make outstanding decisions. Many thieves can assess any given value in mere seconds. The irony here was that, as stout Christians, these fellows had in all of their purchases, limited themselves to strictly a selection of CCM(Contemporary Christian Music). Nothing else. But here, if one were to select the best of the best of Christian music? And one were to steal the best of the best in Christian music, what could that possibly mean? Would that then make these thieves, Christian thieves?

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