

In His Shadow Creations

Advancing God's Kingdom through the Worship Arts

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How to Care for Flags and Tips On Use

Hints for extending the life of flags

Flags are made of light material which may suffer damage if not properly cared for.

Do not lay your flags just anywhere. Especially where they may be sat on and the poles broken. The best place for your flags is in your hand or in a flag rack or flag bag.

If you do not like ironing (I know few who do! ;)) Place flags in a rack where they can hang or roll each flag up on its pole. Another successful method if you have more than one flag is to roll the entire bunch together that will be placed in a flag bag for transportation or storage.

Do not play "tug of war" with your flag. This may seem obvious but I have been in situations with some impaired children who have grabbed the flag while I was using it. Instinct is to pull it back. This often leads to tearing. :(

If you allow other people to use your flags, ask them to return them to the rack or place you want your flags kept when not using it. Not just when done- if you say this often people will lay them somewhere until the service is over!

Cleaning

Most flags are quite easy to keep clean and are generally not used in dirty environments. If you find it necessary to clean them generally using a damp sponge and wiping them will clear most spots. If you have one that does not come out use a mild detergent like diluted dish soap on the damp sponge. Do not use any kind of mechanical device to dry them. Hang them or lay flat to dry.

Use of Flags

I recommend that people use an appropriate size flag for their height and the space. Shorter people (especially children) need a smaller flag to be able to safely control it. Low ceilings and crowded spaces also require the use of shorter flags.

If using flags outside consider the wind! It can overtake you when using large flags.

RESPECT AND HONOR

Flags are an instrument of praise that are made to give praise and worship to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. They are made to give GLORY and HONOR to His Name through creative praise and worship. They are also used to minister over people as the Holy Spirit leads. For these reasons, they should always be treated with RESPECT. These instruments are far from being merely a flag, toy, or object for play or entertainment.

Expressing passionate worship through the arts.

DEVOTIONAL PRAISE-FIRST PLACE TO START

The first place to start using your instrument of praise is during your devotional time at HOME with the Lord. In the solitude of your HOME you can learn freedom in your worship-first with your body and then with your instrument of praise. Always begin by asking the Holy Spirit to express worship through your body-ask Him to guide your movements. Offer to Him your body as a reasonable service of worship and allow Him to use you. The worship instruments will become an extension of your heart as you learn to focus on Jesus.

Become familiar with your new instrument. Learn how it reacts to your movements. Watch what it does as you wave, twirl, spin, thrust, chop, etc. As you get more accustomed to your movements, you will forget about technique and focus more and more on the Lord Jesus. The goal is to minister to our Lord and Savior with ALL our heart, soul, mind and strength.

CHECK WITH LEADERSHIP

Before using your praise instrument in church or a public setting, always check with the pastor or worship leader. Ask if, and where you are welcome to use the instrument of praise (usually in the back or along the sides if you are). Submit to the wishes of the leadership with the right heart attitude. The leaders are your covering for that meeting. Remember HUMILITY and SUBMISSION are KEYS.

If you attend a large conference or workshop where a banner ministry has been invited to minister with their banner and flags, submit to the covering of the team leader and ask where you are allowed to minister. If there is a banner ministry team, you may not be permitted to minister up front. If there is space, you may be released to worship with your instruments in the back. It would be inappropriate to ask to use any of their flags if they will be flowing in the prophetic spontaneously. You should always be respectfully of others, and not "take" anything unless asking permission. A team can have a different effect than an individual worshiper especially at a large gathering where an individual worshiper would not be seen. Remember it is not about you but all about Him and what He wants to bring forth for Kingdom purposes. Pray to see what your part will be at the corporate assembly.

MINISTRY TO THE LORD

First and foremost, you are ministering to the Lord, to an audience of ONE. If you let the Holy Spirit lead, you will enhance the worship service and not be a distraction. He will know what is suitable and what you are able to do. Always keep in mind the space limitation at meetings. Be respectful of those around you, and aware of your space. At many conferences, worshipers are dancing with such freedom (which is wonderful) but that there is little space for visuals-it's often impractical. Not everyone that has flags is to minister up front just like not everyone that sings is on the worship team. There are various callings in the dance and with the visuals.

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