THE WORSHIP PATH

Step 4 “Gettin’ Great”

And let us not grow weary of doing good,
for in due season we will reap,
if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9

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PRACTICE

Find a practice schedule that works for you. Choose a time every day or at least three times a week that you can block off for practice. Let your family know :) Everyone moves at a different pace so take your time and allow your hands to learn these new skills. **Repetition over time** is your secret weapon. Do the movements while watching a movie...create muscle memory!

CHOPS "SKILL"

Throughout the curriculum you will see different buttons displayed. These will indicate which skill or skills are being developed during the following lessons. Below is a brief description of each ear development skill. For more information about these you can request our "How to Play Piano by Ear" booklet by emailing: mail@pianochops.com

THE BASICS

SONG & CHORD PROGRESSIONS

COOL TRICKS

ROLE OF HANDS

DIFFERENT STYLES

MUSIC THEORY

LEARN CHORDS

SWEET PATTERNS

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01 BEING PART OF THE BAND

One big sign of musician maturity is learning to be ok with not playing. Sometimes we play too much...and the song does not need that.

DATE:

__/__/___ Learn NOT to Play

02 MELODY HARMONIZATION

Keep working on your ability to play melodies and make them sound great with harmony.

__/__/___ Nothing But the Blood

03 THEORY UNDERSTANDING

__/__/___ 9th Chords
__/__/___ 9th Upper Structure
__/__/___ 11th Chords
__/__/___ 11th Upper Structure
__/__/___ 13th Chords
__/__/___ 13th Upper Structure

Cadences

*In order to play this following cadences you'll need to have an advanced ability to see inversions. If it is too difficult skip this part for now but strive to grow to where you can play these in time.

__/__/___ A 1 6- 2- 5 1
__/__/___ Bb 1 6- 2- 5 1
__/__/___ B 1 6- 2- 5 1

04 NASHVILLE NUMERS (NUMBER SYSTEM)

The "Number System" is very freeing. If you can learn to think in numbers then things like transposing and picking songs out by ear comes easier.

__/__/___ Crash Course in Numbers

05 EAR TRAINING

__/__/___ Figure Out Chords by Ear (Part 2)
__/__/___ Chart a Song in G (Nashville Numbers)
__/__/___ Figure Out Lick (Major Scale)

06 JAM TIME 2 (CHORDS, TRICKS, ECT.)

Don't use the transpose button...learn Bb!!!

Key of Bb (4/4 Time)

Before You Start

Note: Understanding the Scale and Diatonic Chords below will help "Connect the Dots" as you go through the lesson. You don't have to perfect them...just know what is going on :)

__/__/___ Review: Bb Scale
__/__/___ Review: Bb Diatonic Chords

Chords Used (Bb, Bbsus4, Bbsus2, Eb, F, Gm, Cm, D, Dm, & Slash Chords)
*Similar to the chord progression in songs like "Above All".

Checkpoint 1 – Grounded in Prayer – Basic Chords

Don't be afraid of new chords or keys...you can do it!

__/__/___ Prayer and Basic Chords (2 Videos)

Checkpoint 2 – Magic Shape

Take your chords out of the "Basic Chord Zone" using the magic shape.

__/__/___ Magic Shape

Checkpoint 3 – Rocking Chords

Use this with the magic shape to build momentum in a song or add a new feel.

__/__/___ Rocking Chords

Checkpoint 4 – Fills

Fill up the space to keep the song from going stale.

__/__/___ Fills

EXTRA CREDIT – More Songs

Choose one (or all) of the songs below to work through from Wade's free YouTube channel. Notice the different ways to play in the key of Bb with inversions. Take some time to expand your skills by applying some of the tricks above to the following songs.

__/__/___ Do It Again
__/__/___ How Great Thou Art
__/__/___ The Way

*You can find a big list of songs in the key of Bb at: https://pianomeditation.com/songs-by-key

07 USING THE ORGAN

Playing the organ in worship is similar to playing pads/strings...but with a few new tricks. This can really bulk up your sound especially in the chorus and bridge.

__/__/___ Using the Organ in Worship

08 CHART STUFF

Learn how to change the key of your homemade charts easily.

__/__/___ Changin' Keys

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09 LEADING ON THE PIANO

Tips for playing solo or leading a band from the piano.

__/__/___ Leading from Behind the Piano

EXTRA CREDIT – More Songs
Choose one song in each key to work through from Wade's free YouTube channel. Take some time to expand your skills by applying some of the tricks that you have learned to the following songs.

Key of C#/Db
__/__/___ How Great Is Our God
__/__/___ Battle Belongs

Key of Eb
__/__/___ Jesus Paid It All
__/__/___ Jireh

*You can find a big list of songs in those keys at: https://pianomeditation.com/songs-by-key

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