

THE WORSHIP PATH

Step 5 "The Leader"

"But it is not this way with you, but the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant."

Luke 22:26





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





SONG & CHORD PROGRESSIONS



COOL TRICKS





DIFFERENT STYLES



THEORY





SWEET PATTERNS



BEING PART OF THE BAND

Are you Listening? I hope so! Are you trying not to overplay? I hope so! Now listen for what the song needs.



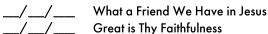


Play Only what is NEEDED Transitioning to New Keys



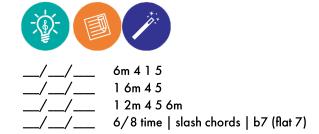
You should now be getting familiar with the process...soon you will be able to do this on your own!







Now it's time to practice figuring out and playing Nashville Numbers in many different keys. Each link has a chord progression and jam tracks. Workout ALL keys and get familiar with reading numbers.









__/__/ Figure Out Chords by Ear (Part 3)
__/__/ Chart Song in D (Lyrics and Nashville Numbers)

CHOOSING SINGING

Learn to pick what is key is best for the "Solo Vocalist" or for the Church to Sing Along With...they are not the same.

___/___ Choose Good Singing Keys

LEAD SHEET JAM
(CHORDS, TRICKS, ECT.)

Key of B (4/4 Time)

Chords Used (B, F#/B, Bsus4, F#/A, G#m, E, F#, and B/F#)

*Similar to the chord progression in songs like "Lord, I Need You".













Checkpoint 1 – Grounded in Prayer – Basic Chords

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

___/___ Prayer and Basic Chords



•	— Reading a Chart, Intro and Jam around this kind of chartit's not too bad :)
//_	The Chart Intro and Jam
•	- Magic Shape and Rocking empt at these thingsand man do they work!
//_ _/_/	Magic Shape Rocking Chords E add 9 Option
•	 Groove Patterns and Jam Ideas ew patterns you can use to sound pro. You'll need to work them enough to where your hands don't have to think any
//_	Groove Patterns Jam Ideas
Checkpoint 5 Spice up the space	— Fills ces a little more with fills.
//	Fills
Checkpoint 6 Practice this in ot	(Optional) — Extra her keys.
//_	Other Key Practice
07 SWE	ET SOUNDING
This is a great tric	ck that naturally creates sweet sounding chords for worship. You wouldn't think that keeping your pinky finger in one

__/__/ The Anchor Pinky (Part 1)
__/__/ The Anchor Pinky (Part 2)

spot could sound so great...but it does!



FURTHER TRAINING

Perfect for this progression: Am7 G4 F2 C

Nashville Numbers: 6-7 5(add4) 4(add9) 1

Using this trick will immediately help you achieve the "modern worship sound" for piano. Just keep your right-hand pinky in one spot... you won't regret it!!

__/__/ Trick Explanation

__/__/ C Example

__/__/ G Example

__/__/ D Example

__/__/ E Example

__/__/ A Example

__/__/ F# Example



Key of A "Next Level" Tips

Key of A Worship (Slow) | (Songs with A, E, F#m, D, A/C#, A/E, G, D/F#, Esus)

*Similar to the chord progression in songs like "Shout to the Lord".







Keep learning the subtleties of great players.	Observe what the teacher	does and use the jam	track over and	over until y	our hands/
start to make these movements.					

 $__/__/$ Next Level Tips

2m to 1 Trick

By moving between only two chords you'll be able to create some sweet-sounding fills!

___/___ Key of C – Similar to the bridge chords in songs like "Stand in Your Love".
__/__/__ Key of D – Similar to the chords in songs like "Open the Eyes of My Heart".



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 F#/Gb	
//	Reckless Love
//	Who You Say I Am
Key of Ab	
//	Goodness of God
//	Nobody

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations! You've made it through all of the Worship Path. If you want to keep growing in your abilities on the piano then you must keep learning. Each style I learn makes me better in the main style I play. I'm proud of you...now go keep growing and having fun! Much love:)
-Wade

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

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