Our REASONS for PLAYING should be *bigger* than the music... things such as creativity, discipline, fun, freedom, fellowship, self-actualization, peace, service, and love of life.



Studying and playing music should RELIEVE stress, not create it.



Your yardstick for SUCCESS is the only one that counts.



Your HAPPINESS is more important than what people think of you.



Studying music gives you the opportunity to see that you are *smarter* and *more talented* than you think.



MASTERY belongs to those who refuse to quit when things seem impossible.



"Men trip not on mountains, but on stones."

a Hindustani proverb...



Happiness is possible when you are the *master of*, not a *slave to*, your talents.



AUTHENTIC ART is <u>not</u> a commodity to be marketed, consumed, & collected.

AUTHENTIC ART is a vehicle that connects, inspires, and heals.



Talent alone can take you only so far...

LOVE, on the other hand,

will take you to places

you cannot yet imagine!



Don't play to impress...

Play to CONNECT...

with the music,

with yourself,

and with others.



Having FUN is more important than being perfect.



Having a LIFE is more important than having a career.



You can only be happy if your music is a way to CONNECT with others, not to *compete* with them.



Myth: The gift is talent...
You either have it or you don't.

Truth: The real gift is LOVE...
You either have it or you don't.



"Whether you think you can, or think you can't, you're right."

-- Henry Ford



Let your musical life reflect your DEEPEST VALUES... and you can't go wrong.

