

Lay a Solid Foundation for Your Writing Ministry

I will press on to know the Lord (Hos. 6:3), abide in him (John 15:1-8), and keep on growing in him (Col. 2:6-7; 2 Pet. 1:2-9).

I will keep my eyes on Jesus, my leader and instructor (Heb. 12:2).

I will diligently study God's Word in order to become an effective communicator of his truth (2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17).

I will daily seek the infilling of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8; Eph. 5:18).

I will spend time in prayer--especially in learning to be still and to listen to what God may want to say to me and through me (Ps. 5:3; 46:10; Hab. 2:1; 1 Cor. 2:16).

I will make a commitment to private and corporate worship (Ps. 99:5; Heb. 10:25).

I will seek God's direction for my life and for my writing (Ps. 32:8; Jer. 29:11-13; Gal. 5:16; James 1:5-8).

I will be sensitive to needs around me and say "yes" to God's call to write his answer (Hab. 2:2).

I will wait on God's empowering (Ps. 40:1-3; Isa. 40:29-31; Col. 1:29).

I will use the gift God has given me and work hard (1 Tim. 4:14-15; 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pet. 4:10-11).

I will set specific, measurable goals (Prov. 16:9).

I will reach out to other Christian writers both to give and to receive support and encouragement (Gal. 6:2; 1 Thess. 5:11).

I will humble myself before the Lord and ask forgiveness for my sins that I might be a cleansed vessel through which his power can flow (Prov. 28:13; James 4:7-10; 1 Pet. 5:6; 1 John 1:8-10).

I will put on the armor (Eph. 6:10-17) and stand firm when the evil one attacks (1 Pet. 5:8-9).

I will ask for wisdom in setting daily priorities and in keeping my life in balance (Prov. 2:3-10).

I will battle procrastination (Eccl. 5:7), get to work (1 Chron. 28:20), and finish what I start (2 Cor. 8:10-11).

I will stay awake and be prepared for his return (Matt. 25:13) and make the most of every opportunity (Col. 4:5).

I will see the rough times in my life as an opportunity to grow (Rom. 5:3-5; James 1:2-4) and to pass on to others God's help and comfort (2 Cor. 1:3-7).

I will seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness (Matt. 6:33; Luke 12:31) and trust him to supply all my needs (Phil. 4:19).

I will not get discouraged and give up (Gal. 6:9) but instead will persist and trust God's perfect timing (Ps. 27:14; 37:7; 42:11; Eccl. 3:1; Hab. 2:3; Heb. 11:1)

I will affirm that now I have "every grace and blessing; every spiritual gift and power for doing his will" (1 Cor. 1:7, TLB) and expect God to do great things through his power at work within me (Eph. 3:20).