Where's God in All This? The Business of Christian Writing

We write because we have a message.

We publish to proclaim or announce.

Nine ways writers are like missionaries:

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This is God's business. Jesus said in Mark 9, if they aren't against me, they are for me.

Pursue Humility. Marketing/promoting only becomes a problem when we strive for recognition in ways unpleasing to God. Love your readers more than you love your writing.

Compromise is not always a bad word. Know the difference between:

- Convictions ______
- Persuasions
- Opinions_____

Never share with the wrong people.

Time with God is essential. Daily time with God will transform your writing. Know the Word—be biblically literate.

Leverage Your Talent. When you mix <u>God's gifts</u> with <u>Business</u>, you have a winning combination to minister to the world.

For further study:

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Habakkuk 2:2	Deut. 8:18	Psalm 5:3		
Proverbs 3:3-4	Proverbs 16:18	Acts 17:11		
Jeremiah 30:2	Psalm 32:8 (ESV)	Colossians 3:17		
Psalm 96:3 (NLT)	Psalm 37:23-24	(ESV)		
Acts 4:13	Genesis 37:5-11			

WRITER'S AFFIRMATIONS OF TRUTH

I'm not a writer by accident. God was intentional when he created me to be talented. He has equipped me specifically for this ministry—to write for His glory and proclaim Jesus.

God has a purpose; therefore, I have a purpose for writing every day. God speaks through my pen, so what I have to say is vitally important. It matters.

When I follow through, people benefit. Because of God working through me, people will be changed and transformed. Therefore, people lose if I don't follow through.

Through Christ, I can do all things. God has resourced me. He's given me everything I need to succeed in my writing ministry. I have permission to dream big about possibilities.

I'm a good writer, trained and equipped by professionals to succeed in this industry. I'll make mistakes for sure. But when I put my training into practice and use it, I should have nothing to be ashamed about.

I have the energy, the passion, and the message to make a huge impact in this world, now and for eternity.

By God's grace I am an expert; confident, influential and outstanding in my craft. My heart is open to **stay humble**, to remain teachable, and to give glory to God for all these truths.