



Writers' Guidelines for Focus on the Family's *Thriving Family*

Thriving Family focuses on marriage and parenting from a biblical perspective. Most articles address marriage and the needs of families with 4- to 12-year-olds in the home, but parenting pre-schoolers and teens are not ignored. The magazine is divided into the following departments:

Family Stages

Think immediate and practical applications for parents of preschoolers, school-aged children, tweens and teens. Submit a 50- to 200-word practical family idea or one way you proactively and successfully trained your child to do something. Each article must include the ages of the children mentioned and can be written in first or third person, but must be a true-life experience. Payment is \$50 on acceptance. Send the complete manuscript, and use "Family Stages" as your subject line.

Family Media

No freelance articles are accepted.

Family Faith

Consider faith issues that are relevant to marriage and parenting. Submit 400-word articles that explore how a biblical principle applies to marriage. Submit 1,200-word articles that show how to help kids understand important biblical truths. Send complete manuscript and use "Family Faith" as your subject line. Payment begins at 25 cents per word.

Features

Thriving Family includes 1,200- to 1,500-word articles that include well-known personalities in the Christian world. See our magazine for examples. Send complete article. Payment begins at 25 cents per word.

Family Living

The following areas accept freelance queries, and payment begins at 25 cents per word. Please query your topic and ideas before submitting a manuscript:

For Him — This 450-word article written by a man offers insight into one marriage or parenting issue from a male perspective.

For Her — This 450-word article written by a woman offers insight into one marriage or parenting issue from a female perspective.

Blended Family — This 450-word article covers one aspect of family life that is intrinsic to and exclusively about the issues and concerns of blended families.

Single Parent — This 450-word article explores parenting issues that are unique to single parent families.

Adoption / Special Needs — These 450-word articles address the unique parenting challenges of adoptive families or families with special-needs children.

All articles should

- Be topical, timely and accurate.
- Not use fictitious or hypothetical anecdotes or composite characters.
- Avoid frequent Scriptural quotations—biblical concepts should be implicit.
- Avoid Christian jargon and clichés.
- Include sources for statistics, facts or research.
- Include contact information and verifications for anyone who is quoted within an article.

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