

# Propel Your Writing Career with a Winning Attitude

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# A Winning Attitude on Writing

- Attitude affects our behavior.
- Our perspective of things shapes our performance.
- What we think or believe about writing influences what we do.
- Having a winning attitude with regards to writing will propel us toward a habit of productive writing and the world of publishing.

# Winning Attitudes to be Productive and be Published

1. Writing is a gift to be enjoyed and shared.

*God gives us the desire to write, enables us to write, and gives us the joy of experiencing it.*



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What is it about writing that you enjoy  
the most?

**Writing is a gift to be enjoyed and shared.**

God is allowing us to feel the pleasure of creating and of influencing others, possibly of even changing someone's life with a positive or a biblical message.

# Writing is a gift to be enjoyed and shared.

Tackle writing with a sense of gratitude because not only does God give us a feeling of happiness while writing or after writing, but because He also gives us the ability to write.

**Writing is a gift to be enjoyed and shared.**

For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth  
come knowledge and understanding.

Proverbs 2:6

**Writing is a gift to be enjoyed and shared.**

Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without criticizing, and it will be given to him.

James 1:5



**Writing is a gift to be enjoyed and shared.**

Writing is not just a gift from God to be enjoyed, but most often, it's a gift that He wants us to share with others.

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2. Write with a purpose in mind.

*Create your own mission statement—your reason for writing.*

**Write with a purpose in mind.**

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:3-4

# Write with a purpose in mind.

Writing with a purpose in mind will guide you on what to write about and which writing projects to choose.

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## 3. Writing is a skill to be developed.

Observe people who are good at their work— skilled workers are always in demand and admired; they don't take a backseat to anyone.

Proverbs 22:29 (MSG)



# How do you develop your writing skill?

- Keep learning.
- Keep writing.



A writer is a learner.



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4. Writing is a solitary activity, but you need people to prop you.

# You need people to prop you.

- Listen to your editors.
- Find a mentor.
- Join a writer's group.
- Keep an open line of communication with your readers.
- Ask family members and friends to pray for you.

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5. When writing, go the extra mile.




**Go the extra mile.**

And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go  
with him two miles.

Matthew 5:41





A writer is willing  
and ready to  
rewrite.



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# Go the extra mile.

“The second mile is not an obligation; it is an opportunity to be a light. We miss the opportunity that most often lies in doing the difficult.”

Clayton King

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6. Your writing may not be bad, but it may not yet be a good time to be published, or the publisher may not be the right one.





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6. Keep writing, fully dependent on God.

**Keep writing, fully dependent on God.**

Trust Him to guide you as you write.

**Keep writing, fully dependent on God.**

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

Psalm 32:8

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 14:26

**Keep writing, fully dependent on God.**

Trust God to open doors for you to be published.

**Trust God to open doors for you to be published.**

And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

Colossians 4:3-4

**Keep writing, fully dependent on God.**

Entrust the results of your writing to God.