

Christian Writing

Overview

Whenever you are doing one of these you are a 'mouthpiece of God' telling others what He desires you to tell them. This means you need to do the following :

Ask if you are to write, preach, teach or speak.

If so, then ask on what topic

Then ask what He desires you to include in it.

Before you start give it to the Lord in prayer and ask The Holy Spirit to guide you.

Anything else allows the flesh to get into the speech.

If they see you instead of Jesus then you have failed so personal stories should be used to give an example and point to what Jesus has done and not what you have done.

Also use common language and not Jargon, church speak or big words. Showing your abilities as a wordsmith with lexicaphanic tendencies will only make the reader aporetic.

Introduction

The object of the Christian writer and speaker is to show Jesus and not be seen when they write, preach or teach.

It is not to make money or promote themselves or denomination/church but to teach about Jesus: Who He is, What He has done, is doing and will do for you and the people you are talking too.

Remember that none of the New Testament writers ever got paid for what they wrote.

This little document is aimed at giving you something to think about when you write or speak on Christian things. It is a result of years of writing and being corrected by The Holy Spirit as I wrote.

In all things if you are led By The Holy Spirit and you will have no problems. After all, He is the author that should be behind everything we write about Christianity. He is also original and does not have to teach something the same way twice.

One thing to remember as you write or speak is that you must be interested in the topic. If you are not interested in the topic how can you expect those listening to be interested in it.

If it is an important Christian topic and you are not interested in it you had better find out why!

2 Tim 2:2

The purpose of teaching is not just to educate but to train people to take over from you who will be able to teach others so that if anything happens to you they can step into your place and things will continue relatively seamless without the disorganisation that occurs if all is placed in one person and they die.

The good teacher and mentor has an objective to make themselves irrelevant or redundant so that they are eventually not needed except occasionally as a mentor.

On Christian Writing - an overview

The purpose of Christian writing is not to make to make money but to be used by God to proclaim His Truths. Any other reason is selfish and idolatrous and will not be honoured by God. It should be an act showing your love and appreciation to God for what He has done for you and the desire for others to know what you have been shown.

The purpose of any Christian writer, and in fact of any Christian, is to bring Glory to God in all they do and anything a Christian does should demonstrate God is worthy to be followed in everything they do. That His Will and principles are far superior to any that anyone else can produce.

Unless a Christian promotes God and His character as well as God's Love , desires for mankind, and what He has done, is doing and will do for people then they are not giving Glory to God.

The moment a person starts to promote themselves, except as a brief introduction about themselves, (two or three lines) then they are advertising and not preaching.

Unless they are living what they are preaching then they are hypocrites if they are deliberately doing this otherwise and should not be teaching it unless they are teaching so God can teach them more about the subject so that they can live it as they preach.

The purpose of a Christian writer is to teach and encourage people to know God more personally and to live the Christian life as God requires them too. They should be guided by The Holy Spirit in this so they will present the Truths God desires to reveal to His Body. If they write anything else, they are writing from reason, theory or knowledge and not from Gods' perspective (Job 32:8, John 16:13).

True teaching is personal as it is very difficult when teaching to a crowd to meet the personal needs of the people. All you can do is tell them the truths The Holy Sipit says they need to know and teach them how to apply it to their lives and be ready to answer any questions they have.

The Christian writer is guided by The Holy Spent to reveal or reinforce the Truths God desires to reveal to His Body. If they write anything else it is probably not Christian writing as it will be from their reason and knowledge and not what God desires them to write. While it may be Christian truth, It is not the Christian truth God desires them to write.

The work of a Christian writer should bring Glory to God alone. Bringing glory to anyone else is a form of idolatry. If people see them instead of Jesus then they have brought glory to themselves and failed as a Christian writer, teacher or speaker.

Whatever they write should direct people to God and/or His Kingdom and will give people a greater understanding of God's Law of Love, His Love for them or His purposes and Will for them. It will also help them in their relationship with God.

It will draw people closer to a greater intimacy and love for God Helping them to appreciate each member of the Trinity more as well as what each member of The Trinity does out of their Love for them.

A true teacher is a mentor so never controls but only gives guidance and advice for The Holy Spirit to use in the persons life. So the true teacher gives the students information they can use as well as how to use it and lets The Holy Spirit tell the people what He desires they do with it. However, as part of the practical application of the teaching He can illustrate things from their personal life to illustrate what they are teaching them.

A Christian writer must be transparent to The Holy Spirit in the way they write so that the Holy Spirit alone is seen in their writings. If The writer places any of their personality in any way in their writings they will hinder in some way the message The Holy Spirit desires to convey through the writer unless it is their because it is how The Holy Spirit taught them to teach..

This is why a Christian writer needs to have a close walk with The Holy Spirit so they can hear Him as they write and will write what He desires to reveal through them in the way He desires it to be taught.

What a great privilege a Christian writer has to be chosen by The Father to be used to tell others what God desires The Body of Christ to know. It is a holy calling in which why Jesus must be Lord of all the writer's life, who also must walk in a constant communion with the Holy Spirit so they can clearly hear what The Holy spirits desires them to write as well as how they are to write and also what they are to write.

A writer must write so that The Holy Spirit Said can be seen as the author of what is written. The Christian writer just writes what The Spirit tells them so they are really only the messenger, communicating what God desires to reveal of Himself through their writings.

Like me. They will look at what they wrote and b e amazed because they could not personally have written what they wrote and it had to be The Holy Spirit.

If the writer places his reasonings and beliefs in the writing they will hinder in some way the message the Holy Spirit desires to convey through the writer unless it reinforces what they are teaching by their life example and even then it must be done humbly as a reinforcement and not a main topic.

The life of the Christian writer must back up what they write about, or God cannot and will not use them as they would be hypocrites unable to hear The Holy Spirit and what He wanted to communicate through them. Also, because they are hypocrites God will not reveal himself to them and will not use them to write or preach.

A Christian writer cannot write in a practical way about something they have not studied and tried to apply, experienced, or seen in another. However, The Holy Spirit knows all Truth and under His guidance they are able to write in a practical way about things they have not experienced.

God will usually have the Christian, writer experience what He desires them to write about, either in their life or through the life of another. It is difficult to write with depth on things like: holiness, patience, suffering, faith, endurance in suffering, obedience etc., unless you have experienced or seen these things and have overcome the trials in your life these occurred in.

This is why some of the greatest Christian writers have experienced these things prior to being used by God. It is more easier to emphasize and teach things when you have personally experienced them so that you understand what your audience has experienced or how to successfully deal with these things.

God may put the Christian writer through experiences at a later stage to teach them more about these experiences or to prepare them for a new form of ministry so that they can empathise with the people they will minister too having suffered the same or similar to what these people have or are experiencing.

God does not deal in hypotheticals or use writers who are not willing to experience what they write about.

If you desire to experience the deep things of God then you will suffer. Only in suffering and withdrawing from the world (which is controlled by Satan) will you be able to walk closely to God to learn the deep things He wants to reveal to you. It is a part of holiness and refining that God does to prepare you for heaven and to be able to help others in these things.

Earth is God's training ground for heaven and you only get one shot at it so you better do a good job of it the first time.

Often the Christian writer will be isolated from the world so that he can more closely hear The Holy Spirit and not be disturbed by the things of the world.

As you learn of God's love for you His provision for you and His deliverance of you, you will be able to experientially write of them and give others hope and encouragement in their trials.

We have the example of Jesus, who left everything (control of everything) came to earth to reveal the Father and The Kingdom of God and through His example encouraged us to look for hope and deliverance here from our trials and through His death to be able to go to heaven and the rewards God has prepared for us in heaven.

Writing can be tiring and stressful, But if a writer lives in accordance with The principles of Matt 6:33, They will not need to be concerned with material, structure or the writing process as The Holy Spirit will guide them in all these and other areas. The writer will not need to know about the future needs of the writing as the Holy Spirit will also prepare these as well as prepare the writer to write them and the writer will simply follow the path prepared for them from before the creation of the world (Eph 2:10) on which is all they need to live and serve God in the way He desires them to serve him and that all they need to do is to listen to The Holy Spirit as well as do all that God desires them to do!

The writings of a Christian writer should be factual, giving hope and encouragement and not just knowledge. Jesus did not come to condemn. but to gives us life, understanding of God's requirements as well as a future now and in eternity.

This is why the goal of the Christian writer is really to show Jesus so that people will have a closer relationship with Him and The Father.

Some guidelines for Christian writing:

You must write only what The Holy Spirit desires you to write.

It must be what the Holy Sport desires to communicate without any input or influence from the writer themselves.

It must lift up The Godhead or a member of the Godhead (The Trinity of The Father, The Lord Jesus or the Holy Spirit) and/or reveal The Kingdom of God in some way.

It must give a person the knowledge to have a closer relationship with members of The Trinity

What is written must be easily understood by the most unlearned person. In otherwords use simple words they will know and understand.

What is written must be communicated clearly and distinctly so that there can be no confusion about what is being written.

It must be easily able to be communicated by one person to another so it can easily be taught to others (2 Tim 2:2).

Do not write about anything you have not experienced or which The Holy Spirit has not revealed to you.

You are writing for the Body and not for theologians. God wants His teachings understood by all and not just theologians with a degree in theology.

Copyright

No one can hold any copyright over the principles or writings of God as they belong to him. However, the normal rules of copyright for what is published applies to any writings but the principles of God are not able to be owned by anyone so cannot be modified by anyone because these are expressed in His Bible. It follows that anyone who alters what the Bible says to change meaning will alter the principles of God and will no longer be writing truth.

What has been written by Gospel writers is what the Holy Spirit said to them to write and to use other words than what He has said may change the meaning of what was originally written.

Copyright has caused a problem with modern translations because you cannot write what another version writes. This means that all are trying to say the same thing in a different way, causing confusion between the various translations.

If you write what The Holy Spirit tells you to write with the words He gives you, this copyright problem will not arise.

Copyright deals more with copying the work of others than stating the principles and teachings of The Bible unless you copy how another does it except to the degree it is allowed under the copyright provisions of your country.

Words

The Holy Spirit has me always simplifying words in case there are lexiphanic tendencies that may make one aprosexic to the writing demonstrating the word smithing abilities of the teacher/writer. You see I know lots of words but many people do not. So as I write I am told to make things simpler and in the beginning of my writing for a period The Holy Spirit would reprimand me at times and tell me to use simpler words.

So in your writing you used some big or unusual words people without English skills might not understand. Write for those , where possible, who have English as a second language. The simpler the language the more easily it can be translated into other languages.

It is always good to get someone not skilled in the language you are writing in to read what you wrote before you send it out to see what possible difficulties people may have reading the document.

The danger is to write only for church people with theological knowledge when God wants it written so that all can read it . English second language people and non-Christians will have no idea what these words mean. It happens a lot when people present the Gospel and use theological terms. Non-churchgoers have no idea what you are trying to communicate.

If you use the words The Holy Spirit tells you to use, then you will use the words He desires you to use. He will tell you if the words you are using are to obscure, to big, too complicated or not easily understood by the average reader.

Christian writing is no place to show off your word skills or knowledge of words or writing skills. This will only hinder what The Holy Spirit is trying to communicate.

A mark of a Christian writer will be the concise, clear and easy to understand writing style they will show in their writings.

God is economical in all He does and will use the least number of words necessary to communicate what He desires to communicate.

If a word is uncommon then do what The Bible does and define it when it is first used in the presentation.

There will be order in the flow of ideas. This Will be seen in the basic structure of the writing, within each chapter of The writing and within each part of a chapter of the book.

The ideas with flow and will always have a relationship in some way to the main idea The Holy Spirit is communicating in that writing.

The Holy Spirit will give insights to the Christian writer that will be a revelation to them. These will reveal deep truths about a matter being written about. This is why it is good to see what others have written but listen to The Holy Spirit as you write and not just copy what others write or say. This allows The Holy Spirit to teach you as well as those you are going to teach.

The writer will look at what they have written and wonder in surprise that they wrote that. Then they will understand it was The Holy Spirit who wrote it through them.

Because they will hear The Holy Spirit as they write, they not have to worry about structure and content. The Holy Spirit knows it all and will guide the Christian writer through all stages of The writing.

All the writer needs to do is to write and do what The Holy Spirit tells them to write.

In conclusion

The writer's role is to communicate what God desires to communicate through them in the way. God desires them communicated using the words He gives them to write. It is not to communicate any part of themselves, but they must be completely transparent so that Jesus alone is seen in their writings (unless they are talking about The Father or The Holy Spirit).

Anything else is possibly idolatry if deliberately done.

May God give you a full understanding of what I have written as well as the high and holy calling a Christian writer and teacher has as a revealer (messenger) of the things of God, (the mysteries of God that the world cannot understand) but which are revealed to the Body of Christ, to encourage them, give them Joy, and draw them to be more closer and intimate with God in relationship God has with them.