

Christian Devotions Ministry – Submission Guidelines

“Just as rain and snow descend from the skies and don't go back until they've watered the earth, Doing their work of making things grow and blossom, producing seed for farmers and food for the hungry...

Isaiah 55:10 (The Message)

- 1) Pray about your devotion. Pray for the ministry.
- 2) Make it from the heart. Make it personal but relatable to life experiences. This aspect sets us apart from other devotional sites.
- 3) Use one scripture; try to keep it short.
- 4) Your devotion should be 300-400 words using the Hook, Book, Look, Took method.

***Hook** - Catch the reader's interest with a brief story or shocking statement.*

***Book** - Declare your key point or theme and your interpretation of the passage.*

***Look** - Present the big picture, then offer a practical application.*

***Took** - Lead to a decision, offer an action statement. Challenge the reader to change.*

PLEASE SEND SUBMISSIONS AS AN ATTACHMENT. DO NOT PLACE DEVOTION IN THE BODY OF YOUR EMAIL.

*Attach a .jpg of the author and include a short bio at the end of your devotion. Include these with each submission.

*All submissions must be accompanied by author name, address, phone and email address on the devotion.

Visit the site to see the format and what we look for in the devotions.

5) **Avoid controversial subject matter.** We want readers to develop two things:

- A) A relationship with the Father
- B) A habit of daily study

Doctrinal issues can cause divisions. We don't have the resources, time or training to cover theological issues. Our ministry is to introduce the readers to Christ, teach them through personal experiences, and show them how to develop a devotional life. It's okay for readers to see that life as a Christian can be both full of pain and joy. Humor is okay, provided it's tasteful. We expect our devotions to be Biblically sound and not embedded with metaphysical or new age beliefs.

6) Don't preach.

7) **We reserve the right to edit any devotions** we receive. We try to work with writers to make the work their work fit. Most rewrites result from too many words and too little clarity.

8) You will be notified 30 days in advance of publication. When your devotion posts, please send an email to your friends and family, encouraging them read your work. This is how we spread the word of the ministry. Your devotion will post to www.christiandevotions.us and will be delivered via email to subscribers of Christian Devotions.

9) Please submit your devotion in a Word doc (we do have Word 2007 .docx files are not a problem.)

Submit them as follows:

A) Paragraphs single spaced and double space between each paragraph.

B) Add a brief bio on the bottom of your devotion and attach a .jpeg photo if available.

C) Save each item as a file and label them as such.

For example: **Cindy Sproles.jpg** and **Cindy Sproles Devotion.doc**.

D) Include your home address, phone numbers and email address in the header line. There are times we must speak to you personally.

E) PLEASE put your name ON the devotion. Devotions received without a name will be rejected.

F) List which category you are submitting.

Spirit & HEART - Deals with matters of the heart, compassion, relationships, hope and diplomacy.

Spirit & MIND - Deals with how we gain wisdom, knowledge and structure.

Spirit & BODY - Deals with matters of the body. Dieting, exercise, health, illness, courage and boldness. We also include pet stories in this category.

Spirit & SOUL - Deals with eternity, spiritual life and physical death. Heaven and hell.

Faith & FINANCES - Deals with trusting our finances to God, giving to others, tithing and generosity.

Faith & FAMILY - Deals with our families, forgiveness and interaction.

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Compensation for devotions purchased for our **print** publications varies and will be announced when publication projects are listed and calls for submissions are placed.

Our schedule for devotional postings is six to eight months in advance. Due to the number of submissions we receive, you will receive a *notice of acceptance* if the devotion is accepted within ten days and you will **not** be notified again until 30 days prior to your devotion posting. Please be patient.

You may contact us at or email to: cindy@christiandevotions.us or eddie@christiandevotions.us

Thank you in advance for your submission. We consider every devotion a gift. Without your kindness this ministry could not move ahead. Christian Devotions is a family of writers spread across the world. Thank you for being a part of our family.

We look forward to reading your work.

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