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Devotions and Quiet-Hour Writers Guidelines

General Guidelines

Devotions® and *Quiet Hour* jointly publish new devotionals written per assignment on contract. Assignments are for sets of seven devotionals on selected passages of Scripture.

Work-for-hire/full rights contracts pay $175 and are offered to successful candidates with postal addresses in North America. The editor invites new authors to submit a spec devotional (new or previously published) that aligns with our platform.

Devotional platform

Identify a Scripture selection (about 5-15 verses) of your choice and then write out a key verse (verses or parts of a verse) within that selection to orient your devotional.

Write a title.

Body Elements:

First, compose devotional text (about 200 words) for three key elements (usually paragraphs) and then a concluding prayer. Launch the devotional body with an opening anecdote—aim for engaging story that hooks the reader and connects to your devotional message.

Second, introduce or connect to the content of the key verse and/or Scripture passage that leads into your message. This may include brief Bible background on the Scripture selection.

Third, take the reader into your devotional message of biblical insight, truth, and encouragement that guides the reader for application in a life of faith in today's world. This third element of the body should lead naturally into your concluding prayer.

Writing Guidelines

Write conversationally as a companion on the journey of faith. Aim for balance in the amount of copy dedicated to each of the three body elements. Concluding prayers may be shorter.

Note that the devotional is not meant to be a Bible teaching, a retelling of the Scripture text, or a review of background information.

Contact information

Send your submission and/or inquiries to the editor at: thequiethour@davidccook.com.

Please include your postal address and brief biographical information.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy

All submitted work must be original content created by the writer or another human being. Submissions may not contain content generated by artificial intelligence (AI) or other automated tools, including text, artwork, music, images, video, audio, software, or other creative content.

Unless otherwise communicated by Cook through its policies, AI-generated and machine-generated content is not considered original work.
Disclosure of AI Use: Writers must disclose any use of AI tools in creating their submissions when delivering their work to Cook, even if the final submitted content was not generated by those tools.

Cook reserves the right to request additional information about the use of AI tools and to reject any submission involving AI-generated content or AI tools if, in Cook's reasonable judgment, the use raises concerns.