



Called to “Write His Answer”

And the Lord said to me,
“Write my answer on a billboard, large and clear,
so that anyone can read it at a glance
and rush to tell the others.”

Habakkuk 2:2-3 TLB

And the Lord said to me

Press on to know the Lord (Hos. 6:3).

Make time to allow the Lord to speak to you through His Word (Ps. 1:2; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; James 1:25).

Seek His counsel and wisdom (Ps. 16:7; 32:8; Prov. 2:3-10; Isa. 50:4; James 1:5-8).

Wait for God's answer (Hab. 2:1).

Let His words sink into your heart first (Ezek. 3:10-11) and then write what you have experienced (1 John 1:3).

Write my answer

Diligently study the Word (2 Tim. 2:15).

Remember the promise—His Word does not return void (Isa. 55:11).

Put on the armor (Eph. 6:10-18).

Make the most of your opportunities (Eph. 5:15-17; Phil. 2:15-16; Col. 4:5-6; 2 Tim. 4:2) knowing that the doors may not always be open (Amos 8:11-12).

Make it large and clear

Write to be understood and to make the Gospel clear (1 Cor. 2:1-5).

Let the Holy Spirit do the convicting—don't preach (1 Cor. 2:4; Heb. 4:12).

Know your audience. Communicate on their level (1 Cor. 2:6).

Work hard (Col. 3:23-24), and enthusiastically (Rom. 12:11), so you do not need to be ashamed of your work (2 Tim. 2:15) or to compare it with others (Gal. 6:4).

Write so that anyone can read it

Share the Good News around the world (Ps. 96:1-3; Matt. 28:19-20). Following Christ's example, minister to the poor, brokenhearted, captives, blind, downtrodden (Luke 4:18-19).

Use illustrations readers can relate to (Mark 4:33-34).

At a glance

Have a clear focus—know what you believe and clearly communicate it (1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Tim. 1:11-12).

Capture the reader's attention and create reader identification (Mark 4:2).

And rush to tell others

Write so that readers will want to pass it on. Be winsome (1 Thess. 2:7-8; James 3:17).

Provide a take away so readers will not ask, “So what?” (James 1:22).

Avoid Christian cliches, pat answers, theological jargon (1 Cor. 1:17).

Slowly, steadily, surely

Seek God's plan for your writing (Jer. 29:11-13).

Set specific and measurable goals (Prov. 16:9).

Get to work (1 Chron. 28:20).

Abide in him (John 15:4-8).

Keep expecting him to help you; walk (and write) in his strength (Ps. 71:14,16).

Give yourself and your writing time to develop (Rom. 5:2; Phil. 1:6; Col. 2:7; 2 Pet. 1:2-8).

Have faith (Matt. 21:21-22; John 14:12-14; Heb. 11:1).

Finish what you start (2 Cor. 8:10-11).

Do NOT give in to discouragement and despair (Gal. 6:9).

