

# How to Make Scripture Come Alive in Your Writing

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## 10 Tips for Presenting Scripture with Richness and Everyday Relevance:

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ with God as you write.

8 Bible Study Tools:

- 1) Repeated Words and Phrases
- 2) Key People
- 3) Contrasts and Comparisons
- 4) Definitions
- 5) Cross-References
- 6) Commentaries
- 7) Book Themes, Chapter Themes, and Application Statements
- 8) Pray!

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ before you start writing.

- Give it a subject and a verb.
- Consider what slant you will use.
- Make your message:
  - Unique
  - Relevant to your target audience
  - Sing

Where to find ideas for your writing:

- Pray!
- What issue is on God's heart for you to write about?
- Has He "highlighted" in your mind a step to growing spiritually?
- Is there a warning or heads up that He wants you to write about?
- Is He showing you a concern that is evident in society or the church?
- What is God teaching you in your quiet time?
- What has your pastor taught about recently that hit home with you?

3. \_\_\_\_\_ your message to be vibrant, insightful, and warm-hearted.
4. Make your \_\_\_\_\_ intriguing, vivid, and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your audience, or you are likely to \_\_\_\_\_ them.
6. Don't just \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture – infuse fresh \_\_\_\_\_ into your writing.

But how?

- By using a slant
- By drawing from your own personal time with God
- By drawing from definitions, commentary notes, and other resources

7. Make sure your \_\_\_\_\_ travels in a \_\_\_\_\_ line.

5 Questions for Streamlining Your \_\_\_\_\_:

1. Does my train of thought travel directly from Point A to Point B, or does it meander?
2. Have I included stories, statistics, or quotes that add value to my main point or detract from it?
3. Can I cut out any paragraphs, sentences, or words and my message is still clear?
4. Have I inserted anything that is precious to me but unnecessary to my overall point?
5. Do I arrive to my destination “on time,” or are there any detours and delays?

8. Give enough \_\_\_\_\_ for the reader, even if you want them to do their own \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Get \_\_\_\_\_ in a good \_\_\_\_\_.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_.

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