

Christian Writing: Handling Writer's Block

Understanding the causes, prevention (if possible) and practical way out of writers block experience

- 1) A writer's block is an experience characterized by an inability to write as you can/should normally do, because the words are not just coming. Ecclesiastes 10¹⁰

✓ Have you experienced this before?

✓ What was your reaction?

- 2) Underutilization of one's gift can make its use difficult or impossible as gifts are fanned by usage. Proverbs 24^{33,34} Ecclesiastes 11⁴

a. Laziness i.e. being passive with your writing gift can lead to underutilization.

✓ Do you think you are a passive or active writer?

✓ What is the basis for your answer?

b. Procrastinating, putting off, delaying or deferring writing to a later time can also lead to underutilization.

✓ What reasons do you often give for deferring writing?

3) Overutilization of one's gift can lead to its exploitation to the point of diminishing returns.

a. Sometimes writing too often or too extensively can lead to overutilization.

✓ What writing frequency works for you?

✓ What is your average writing length?

b. Improper use of the writing gift can also lead to overutilization.

✓ How can one put writing into improper use?

4) Staleness, lack of vitality, energy and originality can hamper Christian writing. *Matthew 11²⁵⁻²⁷ John 15¹³⁻¹⁵*

a. You have more revelations when you are childlike.

✓ A child

i. Put aside what she knows

ii. Is open to learning

iii. Cherishes her tutor

iv.

v.

vi.

vii.

viii.

a. You have more revelations when you are intimate with Christ.

✓ How do you intend to get more intimate with Christ?

