



Guidelines for **WRITERS**

CHRISTIAN NONFICTION FOR ADULTS

JOURNEYFORTH



Our Goal

JourneyForth exists to provide excellent products and resources from a conservative Christian worldview. Our desire is to encourage readers to become more Christlike in their thinking and to grow in service to God. We desire to help them represent Christ well before the world.

What to Submit

JourneyForth welcomes manuscripts in the following areas: Christian nonfiction for adults, including Christian living titles, Bible studies, and church and ministry helps.

- Manuscripts should reflect the highest biblical standards
- Manuscripts should provide direction for Christian living
- Manuscript topics should be fresh and timely
- Manuscripts should have wide appeal
- Manuscript lengths
 - 70,000–90,000 words, in general
 - 18,000–25,000 words for Bible studies

How to Submit

If you are interested in submitting a proposal in one of the areas above, it would be most helpful if you would query first. If you would like to inquire about potential interest in your project, you may submit a short query by e-mail. Generally, we prefer that authors do not submit complete manuscripts unless invited to do so by an acquisitions editor.

Manuscripts submitted for consideration should include the following:

- A cover letter briefly describing the work, your target audience, and how your manuscript differs from similar books on the market
- An overview of your manuscript
- A table of contents with a brief paragraph description of each chapter
- Three to five sample chapters
- A section of relevant biographical information, your platform, why you are writing this manuscript, your intended audience, and other books and articles you have written
- A self-addressed, stamped envelope (if you want your manuscript returned)

You can expect a response within twelve weeks.

Tips

- Many manuscripts, such as those that differ philosophically with a conservative Christian worldview, are outside our publishing plan and we cannot accept them.

- **We do not invite the following:**

- Short stories
- Personal narratives
- Fiction for adults
- Devotional books
- Gift books
- Poetry

- **We do not accept unsolicited manuscripts by**

- Phone
- Fax
- E-mail
- CD

- Please do not expect a lengthy response. There are agencies that provide an evaluation of submitted works, but we do not offer that service.
- Please note that we publish only a small percentage of the manuscript proposals we receive each year.

We are dedicated to excellence in adult Christian nonfiction. We provide competitive royalty rates, professional illustration and design, and marketing from a company that has long been a leader in Christian publishing.

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