



Powerful Devotional CHECKLIST AND APPLICATION

Now that you've learned how to write the four elements of a powerful devotional, you can use this worksheet as a checklist of reminders when writing your devotional. You can also use it as a challenge to set goals and write your devotional now!

4 ELEMENTS OF A POWERFUL DEVOTIONAL

- Introduction
- Address Your Reader's Need
- Exploration of Scripture
- Conclusion

INTRODUCTION

- The introduction paragraph (or initial several short paragraphs) needs to accomplish two things: 1) introduce your topic and 2) introduce you, as a person.
- Begin the Introduction with a hook – a statement that “hooks” your reader into continuing to read your devotional. Some examples:
 - A question or series of questions
 - An intriguing statement
 - Set a scene
 - A personal story

Action Step: I will write the introduction by _____ (add date).

ADDRESS YOUR READER'S NEED

- Connect with your reader over her “felt needs” What does she feel? What does she need?
- What does she want a solution to? Think about pain points, problems, challenges, struggles, goals, questions.
- Create connection with your reader, creating that “me too! moment”; or another way to say it, *I get it, and I get you.*

Action Step: I will write the section of my devotional where I address my reader's need by _____ (add date).

EXPLORATION OF SCRIPTURE

- Remember the power of a devotional is found in the power of Scripture
- Include one key verse and unpack it
- Use tools for research, adding depth to your devotional
- Show your reader a biblical, Scripture-based solution

Action Step: I will write the section of my devotional where I explore Scripture by _____ (add date).

CONCLUSION

- Summarize main points of devotional
- One choice is to tie back into a story in the introduction
- End with hope and inspiration
- Provide suggestions of specific application

Action Step: I will write the conclusion of my devotional by _____ (add date).

A FEW MORE REMINDERS:

- You can end with a prayer
- List other related Scriptures
- Proofread

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