



Writer Guidelines for *Fruit of the Vine*

Fruit of the Vine is a devotional quarterly written primarily, but not exclusively, by Friends. Our writers come from many areas, ages, and experiences. We believe that each one has something to share that will minister to *Fruit of the Vine's* readers; each unique point of view adds to the richness of our publication.

Effective devotionals usually contain examples or personal experiences to illustrate their themes. Such illustrations engage the reader and allow the work to be more persuasive. Devotionals often provide new insights on familiar ideas or passages, or acquaint the reader with the unfamiliar. They are Bible-centered, challenging, and encouraging. We aim for content comprehensible and applicable to the diverse group of subscribers. Because poetry is its own unique genre and is not universally appreciated or understood, we prefer the use of prose. Occasionally, a short poetry quote is quite acceptable.

We ask writers to submit devotional readings for seven days, starting with Sunday. Writers have the freedom to choose their own themes and Bible readings. It helps to follow a general theme throughout the week. Indicate references for Bible quotations in parentheses in the body of the devotional. If you use a translation other than the New International Version, please indicate the translation for each quotation.

Each devotional should have (1) a **title**; (2) a **Bible reading**, preferably around 10 verses or less within the same chapter or book; (3) a **devotional reading**; (4) a **hymn** or **song** in keeping with the theme of the day's reading; and (5) a definite item suggested for prayer. The devotional reading plus the prayer suggestion and song should be approximately **250 words, and not more than 290**.

Along with your devotionals, please submit a recent **photo**, and a headshot, if the photo cannot be cropped to create one, along with a **short, first-person paragraph** about yourself that would help readers know who you are. When appropriate, include reference to how you chose the theme for your writing.

Manuscripts should be submitted via e-mail to fv@barclaypress.com. Please submit devotionals and bio/intro as one document when possible. The *Fruit of the Vine* editorial team edits and proofreads submissions before they are printed.

Please note: *Fruit of the Vine* follows *The Christian Writer's Manual of Style, 4th Edition* and does not capitalize pronouns for God. In addition, if you quote more than one or two short sentences of copyrighted material, you must secure permission for printing from the copyright holder. Include with your manuscript the letter authorizing use of quoted material.

Fruit of the Vine accepts submissions on a volunteer basis. We offer a one-year complimentary subscription and six copies of the issue in which you are published as a token of our gratitude.