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GUIDELINES FOR FRUIT OF THE VINE WRITERS

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. Because *Fruit of the Vine* ministers to a diverse body of readers, we aim for content comprehensible and applicable to people of all ages and backgrounds.

Each devotional should have (1) a **title**; (2) a **Bible reading** of no more than ten verses, preferably 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**. It is important that the devotional reading plus the prayer suggestion contain **250 words, but not more than 290**. Manuscripts should be submitted via e-mail to fv@barclaypress.com; please attach as a single word processing document. Manuscripts may also be submitted by mail on CD or floppy disk using any common word processing program. The *Fruit of the Vine* editorial team edits and proofreads submissions before they are printed.

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.

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