

# Savvy Skills for the Beginning Writer

## 11 More Ways to Work Smart in Your Writing Career

1. Accept our calling to write is a gift from God.
2. Commit focused time, energy, and money to learning the craft of writing. This includes investing in how-to books and writing workshops to deepen an understanding of writing, the publishing world, social media, marketing, and promotion.
3. Read in your genre, bestsellers, and information about the publishing world.
4. Understand rejection is part of the process and to consider it a redirection.
5. Participate in a writing group to learn and give back to others.
6. Pledge not to give up.
7. Take care of your body by eating healthy, exercising, and staying close to God.
8. Discover our readers and their needs. Allot time to social media, not to sell books but to help others with our experiences and expertise.
9. Establish an awareness of the world around you and write to heartfelt needs.
10. Pray. Write. Edit. Submit. Repeat.
11. Understand priorities: God, family, write, friends

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## Writer Exercise

1. Create a writer mission statement.
2. Establish goals for your writing and review at least yearly.
3. Write out a prayer asking God to give you wisdom for His gift of writing.

“A work of fiction grips our imaginations because we care, both about the characters in the tale and about ourselves. To put it another way, we are concerned about the outcome of the story because what is happening to the characters could happen to us.” *Donald Maass*

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