

AI Prompt Handout for Christian Authors

Use these structured prompts to get the most out of your AI writing assistant at every stage of your writing journey!

BEFORE WRITING: Planning & Prewriting

✦ Prompt Format: R-T-F (Role, Task, Format)

Prompt: "Act as a story structure coach. Help me create a chapter-by-chapter outline for my Christian women's fiction novel. Format your output as a numbered list with chapter titles and brief summaries."

☀ Prompt Format: Ask Me First

Prompt: "Ask me 5 questions you need to know before helping me brainstorm a book concept for a devotional for busy moms."

🌐 Prompt Format: T-A-G (Task, Action, Goal)

Prompt: "Generate 10 title ideas for a Christian fiction novel about identity and forgiveness. The goal is to find something that's emotionally compelling and SEO-friendly."

📄 Prompt Format: R-I-S-E (Role, Input, Steps, Expectation)

Prompt: "You are a book marketing expert. Input: I'm planning a 3-month pre-launch for my next novel. Steps: Break the timeline into weekly tasks. Expectation: Focus on budget-friendly strategies."

◆ Prompt Format: C-A-R-E (Context, Action, Result, Example)

Prompt: "Context: I'm writing a dual timeline novel. Action: Help me align the timelines. Result: A synced plot progression. Example: Provide a side-by-side timeline layout."

Prompt Format: F-I-T (Function, Input, Tone)

Prompt: "Function: Describe a fictional small town setting for my Christian novel. Input: It should feel peaceful and nostalgic. Tone: Warm, reflective, and community-focused."

DURING WRITING: Drafting & Developing the Story

Prompt Format: R-T-F (Role, Task, Format)

Prompt: "Act as a dialogue editor. Review the following scene for natural conversation flow. Provide a side-by-side version with suggested edits in dialogue format."

Prompt Format: C-A-R-E (Context, Action, Result, Example)

Prompt: "Context: I'm stuck in the middle of chapter 7. Action: Suggest 3 plot twists that align with my main theme of redemption. Result: Help me move the story forward. Example: Include 1 sample paragraph for each twist."

Prompt Format: F-I-T (Function, Input, Tone)

Prompt: "Function: Rewrite this short paragraph to make it more lyrical and emotional. Input: [Paste text]. Tone: Hopeful and faith-centered."

Prompt Format: Ask Me First

Prompt: "Ask me clarifying questions before helping me improve the pacing in this scene."

Prompt Format: T-A-G

Prompt: "Suggest 5 ways my main character can wrestle with faith in a relatable way. Task: Character development. Action: Show internal conflict. Goal: Make the story resonate with readers."

Prompt Format: B-A-B

Prompt: "Before: My subplot feels disconnected. After: I want it to weave smoothly into the main arc. Bridge: Offer 3 integration ideas and transitions."

AFTER WRITING: Editing, Marketing & Publishing

Prompt Format: R-T-F (Role, Task, Format)

Prompt: "Act as a Christian fiction copy editor. Review the following passage for grammar, faith-sensitive phrasing, and flow. Format feedback as inline comments."

Prompt Format: B-A-B (Before, After, Bridge)

Prompt: "Before: I have a full draft but no plan for sharing it. After: I want to confidently promote it on social media. Bridge: Give me a 2-week launch content plan with post types and hashtags."

Prompt Format: T-A-G (Task, Action, Goal)

Prompt: "Create 5 back cover blurb variations for my devotional, *Uncluttered*. Each should be warm, inspiring, and include a faith-based hook."

Prompt Format: R-I-S-E

Prompt: "Role: You are a book PR strategist. Input: My novel is launching next month. Steps: Outline a press release and pitch email. Expectation: Make it appropriate for Christian magazines and blogs."

Prompt Format: C-A-R-E

Prompt: "Context: I'm uploading my book to Amazon KDP. Action: Help me write a keyword-rich description. Result: Boost discoverability. Example: Include 3 variations."



Prompt Format: F-I-T

Prompt: "Function: Write a reminder email for my book launch team. Input: It's one week before launch. Tone: Friendly and grateful with a hint of urgency."

Remember: AI is your assistant, not your author. Use these prompts to support your work while keeping your voice and values front and center.