

TAYLOR'S TIPS for a productive writing career...



Dear Fellow Writer,

I play golf. I keep score, but I haven't improved much in the last 2-3 years. I'm content where I'm at with my golf game because it's a fun [hobby](#).

My wonderful husband takes pictures of me (without me knowing, which I like) so I can [see](#) what I'm doing that's not right. The picture on the left is horrible form. I'm leaning backward in my stance. The one on the right is much better. I have my weight on my left foot and following through in a forward motion instead of falling back.

I play golf only once a month or so; therefore, I don't really get better. I must work at something to get better at it. But since golf is my [hobby](#), it gets less attention than other things. And here's why I brought it up.

My true love, my [passion](#) is writing. For that, I have invested hours and hours into learning the craft of writing. I have done these things:

- writers group meetings consistently for the past 15 years
- classes at local colleges
- one-day writers conferences
- 2-3 day writers conferences
- week-long writers conferences in state and out of state
- read blogs on writing
- subscribe to writing magazines
- read how-to books on writing
- belong to two face-to-face writers groups
- belong to an online writers group
- read blogs by agents/editors
- fine-tune my craft by drafting, redrafting, and then revising even more.

So what has all of this hard work and time and dollars and energy accomplished? Many publication credits: *Guideposts*, *Angels on Earth*, more than a dozen *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books, *Victorian Homes*, *Romantic Homes*, John Gray's *Mars and Venus in Love*, etc., etc. (if you want to see the whole list pop on over to my website). And just this year, interest in my novel series which is All About Dogs and the People Who Love Them. (I'm so excited!) And like those two pictures at the top of this newsletter, I couldn't get better if I didn't bring a well-thought-out draft of a story to my writers groups, ask for their critiques and guidance, and then revise it to make it better. I always reap substantial rewards when I allow others to help me. (Thanks Sixteen Thumbs, OC Scribblers, and Marble Shapers! And thanks hubby, for your help with my [hobby](#) golf game.)

WRITING IS MY PASSION and I've reaped the rewards. I've been blessed abundantly. Maybe you don't have the time, dollars, or energy to devote to writing in the same way I do. You still need to ask yourself where your priorities are in terms of writing. Is it your [passion](#) or a [hobby](#)? When you know the answer, you can divert funds, time, and energy toward what is really important in your life.

Happy writing and blessings on your work.

What's Happening...

[My first novel is done...](#)now working on the second in the series. This is fun! I'm loving every moment of life with my characters and their dogs. Stay tuned for more news. I'll keep you posted.

Follow your dreams...

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