

Official Publication & Creative Stewardship Standard

How the ministry publishes reading editions, identifies contributors, preserves versions, and handles personal testimony.

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1 Corinthians 4:2

Ministry first

The understanding of Scripture and the purpose of a collection should precede its commercial promotion wherever practicable. Products remain secondary expressions of the ministry. No reading or spiritual response is a condition of purchase.

Historical preservation

Official reading editions identify their document number, publication date, author or publisher, and version. A new edition should be preserved alongside the earlier record, with an explanation of substantive changes. Collection credits should distinguish creative direction, artistic authorship, development, photography, and production according to the contribution actually made.

Personal testimony and permission

A testimony may describe grief, worship, study, obedience, gratitude, restoration, or an ongoing season of growth. A dramatic conversion story is not required.

The creator's actual words should be preserved. Personal stories and portraits are published only after the contributor has approved the public edition. Private consent records and unapproved material remain restricted to authorized editors. Publication does not itself transfer ownership of someone's personal story.

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Our commitment

We seek to communicate what was created, why it was created, the biblical truth it seeks to express, and the testimony associated with its development. We seek to steward the work faithfully while continually directing attention toward God.

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