



Devotional & Article Writing Starters

Topic: "Chilled"

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Take the ideas and build upon them to make them your own. Add in your own points, illustrations, explanations, and relating Bible verses.

Fruit that Grows up Through the Snow

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, our Christian walk is the opposite of a frozen hearted person. We will be able to bear our best fruit even in winter.

- Ephesians 5:8
- The Holy Spirit warms us up with love and keeps our heart from freezing.
 - Ephesians 5:22-28
- The Holy Spirit keeps us from freezing up. We can share Christ with boldness.
 - Acts 4:31
 - Acts 1:8
- The Holy Spirit keeps the frost of sin from settling on us.
 - Galatians 5:26

Unfreeze Your Heart

It's so easy to allow our hearts to get callused and cold. It's especially easy when we have been burned a few times by bad circumstances or people. It's easy when we see people getting away with just being bad people. It's so easy to say, “why does it matter?”

- Read Matthew 24
- Key Verse Matthew 24:12
And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.
- We must remember God is still in control and He is the One who gives us peace in our hearts.
 - John 14:27
 - Romans 8:28
 - Isaiah 41:10
- Read Ezekiel 36
- Key Verse Ezekiel 36:12
...and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh.
 - Psalm 51:10
 - 2 Timothy 3:16

Joy in Winter

Being filled with joy in the midst of winter can help keep our minds from developing emotional stress.

- Romans 15:13
- Isaiah 26:3
- Psalm 16:11
- James 1:2
- Psalm 19:8

Warm up with Service

Nothing can warm the heart more quickly than doing something kind for another person. It has a way of allowing us to thaw.

- Philippians 2:3-4
- 1 Peter 4:10
- Galatians 5:13
- Mark 10:45
- Tips for service

- It doesn't have to be through a project or ministry through your church. You CAN do service and bless other people on your own. Try it! It will grow your faith.
- It doesn't have to cost a lot. Use what talents and gifts you have to bless others and serve Christ.
- It doesn't have to be on a grand scale. Little gestures and little kindnesses have a way of piercing the cold and blessing the hearts of others. Start with a smile or kind word for someone else and go up from there. Volunteer at a soup kitchen. Rake a neighbor's leaves. Clean someone's gutters. Deliver a meal.
- It doesn't have to get noticed or get a “thank you”. You're not looking for medals of achievement by serving Christ. Even though God may bless us on earth, as Christians our reward is in heaven. We may never get noticed or thanked for what we do on earth, but we still must do them.
- Ephesians 2:8-10
...created in Christ Jesus unto good works... (verse 10)

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