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The Ray Edwards Show. This is the podcast for prosperity, with purpose.

Ray Edwards ([00:19](#)):

Hey, it's Ray Edwards with this week's edition of the podcast. Today, we're going to talk about how you as a writer can speed up your writing process up to 5,000 words a day. 5,000 words a day. Can you do it? Yes, you can, and today I'm going to tell you exactly how. One of the most important parts of writing as a professional, especially as a copywriter, an advertising copywriter, direct response marketing copywriter is to be able to write quickly. Gary Bencivenga famously said, "I can write faster than anybody who's better. And I can write better than anybody who's faster. Speed is of the essence." Frequently, the faster writer will get the jobs, the slower writers miss out on and over time if you develop the reputation for being good and fast, you win hands down. And many times opportunities for writers exist only for a short window of time. The quicker you can get the writing done the better your chances of being the writer who wins the prize. So how do you write as much as 5,000 words a day when some people struggled to get even a single page in a day? I'm going to tell you how coming up next.

Announcer ([01:22](#)):

Does anyone want to live a life that is long and prosperous? Spiritual Foundations.

Ray Edwards ([01:27](#)):

The book of Proverbs Chapter 23 verses four and five say, "Do not wear yourself out to get rich. Do not trust to your own cleverness. Cast but a glance at riches and they are gone. They will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an Eagle." What does this mean? Does it mean we should not seek to build wealth? No, but look at what it actually says. It says don't wear yourself out to get rich. That just makes common sense, doesn't it? But so often common sense is uncommon practice. Don't wear yourself out to get rich, do the work required to do what you need to do to amass the wealth that is needed to achieve your purposes. Make sure that's in alignment with God's purpose for your life. And don't wear yourself out. Make sure you give as much priority to rest as you do to riches or perhaps even more because riches will

surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky, like an Eagle out of your reach. And eventually you leave this world behind and all the riches you've amassed with it. Keep that in mind when you're wearing yourself out, trying to get rich. Not a good strategy.

Announcer ([02:35](#)):

Now, simple hacks that make life cheaper, easier, and faster. Ray's tip of the week.

Ray Edwards ([02:40](#)):

I'm excited about this week's tip of the week because it answers a problem for a lot of us, that's been kind of vexing to solve. And that is how do we get all of our old photographs from our old picture albums and shoe boxes into digital form quickly and inexpensively? Sure you can have somebody else do it, but that's expensive. And then you have to send your pictures off in a box and hope to gosh, they don't get lost somewhere in India or wherever and hope to gosh, to get back to you and they're scanned in correctly. Or you do it yourself using a flatbed scanner, which seems like it takes forever and never gets done. Now there's Photo Myne. As in photo, myne.com, and it's an app for your iOS or your Android device. You can scan old photos. You can sharpen them, enhance them, colorize them, tag them, share them whatever you need to do with them to digitize them, get them into your photo library on your phone, on your tablet. And it's as easy as point and shoot. You can even shoot multiple photos at once. Even from the pages of an old style photo album, you've got to see it to believe it. Check it out at photomyne.com. I love this app. I think you will too.

Announcer ([03:46](#)):

And now our feature presentation.

Ray Edwards ([03:49](#)):

When as a writer, you feel the need for speed to get projects written quickly, how do you do it? What's your top writing speed? For many writers, their top speed is one to two pages per day. 250 words is generally accepted as the word count for a single page of writing as 500 words a day. What if I told you it's possible to write 10 times that amount without becoming the world's fastest typist? It absolutely is. You can write as much as 5,000 words a day, trust me, I've done it. And I can't even touch type. How do you do it? Here are five hacks or tricks you can use that can help speed you up. If you can't get to 5,000 words a day, what if you could get to half that much, 2,500 words a day, even a thousand or 1500 words a day is a big improvement over a page or two.

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Here's hack number one- pre-writing and outlines. The general rule of thumb is never write from scratch just off the top of your head. At least prepare an outline for what you're going to write about with your subject matter, three to five points you're going to make and your summarization as a bare minimum of the bullet points you have that are going to guide your writing. Ideally, you have any quotes, any your research you need to pull in together to make the writing complete already done. You have an outline. All you have to do is flesh it out. You might think that's cheating. You think well, that doesn't count in my 5,000 words a day, does it? Not in your writing time but in your preparation time? Remember the five P's. Prior preparation prevents poor performance. Pre-write and outline your writing before you sit down to write and you can get a lot more written, a lot faster every time guaranteed. That's hack number one, pre-write and make outlines.

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Hack number two- Dictate, don't type. Why om earth would I say dictate, don't type? Because nobody can type as fast as they can talk. The average speaking rate for an American is about

150 words per minute, with gusts up to 200, which means in a given hour, even if you spend 15 to 20 minutes, just fussing around, trying to figure out what you're going to say. You speak for about 40 minutes out of an hour, your output is going to be somewhere around 6,000 words. That's in one hour that makes 5,000 words a day look a lot less intimidating if you've done any preparation, or if you know anything about your topic at all. Speak, dictate, don't type.

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Writing hack or trick number three to write as much as 5,000 words a day- Use block-time scheduling. Set aside a couple hours a day for writing or dictating, if you're taking my advice and do nothing else, except that during that time. So take an hour, take two hours, set it aside, turn off all your notifications, close your office door, take away all distractions and do nothing, but look at your outlines and your pre-writing and dictate that day's writing as efficiently as you can, as effectively as you can with full focus on what you're saying, so you have to do a minimum amount of editing when you have it transcribed. Dictate or speak for the time you have blocked off as if you're giving a speech, because that will mean less ums and ahs, less restarts and do overs, which means less editing after you have the writing transcribed. That's the point of dictating, by the way, have your audio of you speaking out your text transcribed, then you can edit. It's a lot easier to edit a 5,000 word document than it is to sit down in front of Microsoft Word with a blank page and type up 5,000 words. Try it sometime and I think you'll see that I'm right. But use block time scheduling only do your dictation or your writing during that time. Nothing else. Only the activity of generating words on paper or on screen or on the recording. That's all. You'll get a lot more done, a lot faster than you ever thought possible.

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Hack number four for writing faster, as much as 5,000 words a day, right? First edit later. Now I know what I said about being prepared about pre-writing about having outlines about speaking intentionally, as if you're giving a speech publicly, you'll make fewer mistakes, be more deliberate in your speech. Even want to slow down as you dictate because you'll be more firm in your choices of words, sentences, and how you express yourself. However, don't edit while you're writing or while you're dictating. Don't think I can say that better and back up and do it again. Just keep going. Because if you stop to edit, you'll slow yourself down tremendously. Editing happens later. Right now, you just want to get the first draft on paper. So write first edit later.

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And finally hack number five for writing as much as 5,000 words a day, or at least writing a lot faster than ever before. Set goals. Have a goal for how many words you want to write today and keep track of how many words you write, track your word count. Almost every text editing app has a way to track word count. I use the Ulysses app to do all my writing, and one of the reasons why is because it has a great word count goal feature that lets you track how much you want to write each day and how close you get to that ideal. Keep track of how much you wrote today, how close you are to finishing your overall project and how many words per day, you actually produce. That which gets measured, gets improved. So have a word count goal, keep track of it and shoot for those high numbers. You'll produce more prose in less time. Those are my five tricks for writing faster, up to 5,000 words a day, or at least twice as fast as you write now. Number one- pre-writing outlines. Number two- dictate don't type, because you speak much faster than you type. Number three- use block time scheduling. Number four- write first, edit later. And number five- set goals, track your word count. What about you? Do you have tricks for writing faster? Let me know what they are. And you have questions, ask them. I read every comment I answer as many as possible. Look

forward to hearing from you. That's it for this week until next time may God bless you. Live long and prosper and go write- fast. See you next time.

Announcer ([09:14](#)):

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