

COPY BOOK STYLE

By Bill Pugh

Some of us remember learning to write. Carefully formed words, practice, keeping to the lines. Blotting paper, and inkwells in a wooden desk. Compare writing now. Our chemist has to ring one of our doctors to make sure the script is what he thinks it is! Our friend Doug was a respected teacher for many years in the technical system. A talented artist, skilled with his hands, and a beautiful writer. He insists on hand written letters. Carefully formed, worth keeping, a pleasure to read. He could send emails but he prefers to write his

considered thoughts by hand. His writing tells me something about his wonderful Christian character. In his Letter to Thessalonians, Paul ends his message with these words, "With my own hand I write this: Greetings from Paul. This is the way I sign every letter, this is how I write this." Paul writes as he lives, full of encouragement, and teaching for his readers. His faith and love for them shine through in every word. His personal hand writing says much. It is a personal guarantee. His way of saying, "Yours sincerely, Paul."

Reflection:

How does my communicating of the Gospel measure up to the high standards of Paul? Could I write in copy book style like Doug, in my very best hand writing, these words of Paul, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God for the salvation of every one who believes." And hand deliver, or post it many times, as my personal word of mission?

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