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Reading books and writing

New ideas come from two cases: one from reading books and the other from writing books. As we read books we get information, new ideas, and learn the wisdom of life. So let's call it input. But now that I think about it, it fills our knowledge, and we also have confidence that "I know this much" somewhere. In a way, invisible extroversion seems to widen.

On the other hand, I feel like I'm experiencing a completely different world while writing a book. It accumulates knowledge while reading, but it seems to feel deep when writing. That's why I write a column. What I write seems to be reinterpreted and written. Most people seem to be afraid to write books. I'm also worried. How will the book be published, how much will it cost, etc. In fact, publishing books on the market is inconvenient.

If you want to sell it on the market, you need to create a publisher and get an ISBN. In my case, several books are still on the market through such a process in Korea. However, in Kenya, some books are written but not published for sale. In fact, I entrusted two books to a publisher in Nairobi, but neither of them went on the market.

The first book summarized my experiences of the ministry over the past 20 years, but the pages were incorrectly written during Nairobi's publication process, and those thousand books were discarded. I spent money two or three times, but it was a bit disappointing. By the way, now I am grateful that it is made into a PDF book and printed out and placed in the library, so that students can see it. The second book was divided into 365 materials of Rev.

Melvin and made "365 Reading" to read one topic a day which was also published with some money but only a few books entered the school and the rest disappeared on the way. This is still the case in Africa.

Anyway, in this situation no ISBN is being made into a PDF book and uploaded on a school website so that students can download it freely and read it freely on their phones. One of the reasons is that English books are so expensive that it is almost impossible for students to buy them. There are neither Christian bookstores nor Oyugis, nor Kisii, where our school is located. Kisumu, where the airport is located, has to go for two or three hours, but we went to buy a book last time, and the expensive ones cost 7 to 80 dollars per book, so we eventually bought a few books and came back. So it's impossible for students to carry books for personal use, and there are many students who don't even have the Bible itself. I'm now talking about books, but I strongly recommend writing the book to you, readers, anyway. It is necessary for self-development, not for sale on the market, and it may be lightly made and given to family members, relatives, and neighbors. There are ideas you get from reading a book, but if you write them, you will get richer.