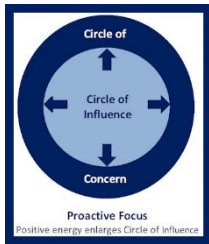


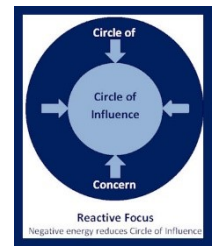
# The Power of Your Circle

Do you really want your writing dream to happen? Instead of spending your time on non-important tasks, concentrate on spending time on important tasks that move your project forward. Act on the important tasks you can either control or influence. This is a key element in achieving your desired outcome. Take those actions, no matter how small, within your circle of influence. ( [See The Power of Time.](#))



The Circle of Concern is shown around the outer edge and shows the area over which you have no control. i.e. weather, decisions of others. Areas that concern you personally fall also fall within the circle around the edge. Your circle of concern can be a number of things that you may frequently worry about—finance, health, people, life. Add your own concerns.

The hub or center of the circle is your Circle of Influence and illustrates those areas you have total control, i.e. your decisions, your behavior. These are areas that you can influence by your response, or behavior. Including your reaction to other's decisions or changing circumstances. When you focus on those areas you can control, your energy will naturally flow to that area. Be proactive, not reactive. Accept responsibility and stop blaming others.



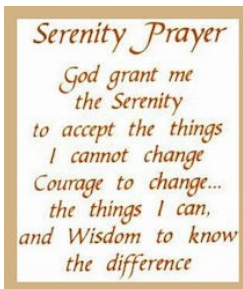
So, focus your energy on areas you can control or influence, and away from areas where you have no control. Avoid the mindset of spending valuable time over an area you cannot control or influence. In your circle of influence there may be others who do have control or influence in an area not in your purview. Seek out their counsel.

Do you want to improve a writing technique or genre? Be proactive and use your favorite learning method to enhance your knowledge of the subject. That's why you're here, isn't it?

Want to expand your circle of influence? Be a proactive person and focus on areas that further your growth and success. You will become the writer you want to be.

Your circle of influence and circle of control or concern is often the result of long-term habits and patterns. These behaviors also dictate whether you are a proactive person or a reactive person. Let's learn the difference between proactive and reactive people as well, before moving forward.

To make behavioral changes that will endure and change your writing habits, you should apply the principles in [SOAR Without Limits](#).



Most of us know the Serenity Prayer but do we practice it?

Adapted from Stephen R. Covey,  
7 Habits of Highly Effective People

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