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Dear Friends of IPM,

Living the Christian life depends upon the Lord's matchless ability. On the contrary, human religious thinking tries to set forth the ability of man as the most vital matter in developing a godly life. Such an approach leaves many striving vainly, attempting to live up to God's perfect standards by their own inadequate resources. Praise the Lord, there is a heavenly effective option: relying upon God's ability.

The most critical issue for living the Christian life is the ability of God. Think of the immeasurable ability of the Lord. *"Ah Lord God! Behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee"* (Jeremiah 32:17). He created the entire universe. Certainly, by His power, He is able to transform us, strengthen us, enable us, protect us, defend us, lead us and guide us. *"Behold, I am the LORD, the god of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?"* (Jeremiah 32:27). Our Lord rules over all of humanity. Surely He is able to manage our lives and all that we encounter.

Actually, our God is able to do *"...exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think..."* (Ephesians 3:20). How able is God? Everything we could ask according to His will He is able to do far beyond that. Whatever we might contemplate but hesitate to ask, He is able to surpass that. We could never ask or think beyond the promises we have received from God.

If we are willing to rely upon the One who is able, we will experience abundantly His sanctifying grace in our lives. *"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye,*

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*always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8). Our God is fully capable of accomplishing such an outpouring of His grace. He wants to impact our lives with every aspect of His grace in not only transforming our lives, but in equipping us to serve Him.*

Throughout our Christian journey, we are to become more acquainted with the Lord. Then, as the relationship is developed, we are to become increasingly convinced of our Master's ability to handle any matter entrusted into His hands. The Apostle Paul confessed: *"...nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him against that day" (2 Timothy 1:12). Paul was persuaded of the Lord's ability to fulfill His promises and was convinced of the Lord's enabling for every step of the way.*

Many behind bars have become very aware of their own inability and are seeking the Lord because of His marvelous ability. It is our mission to continue to share the Good News of the Gospel and to point prisoners to the One who is able to completely change their hearts and lives for His glory!

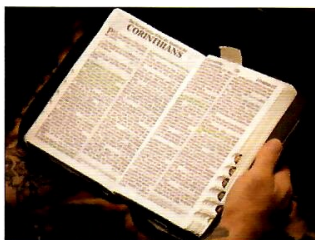
Praising the Lord for His Matchless Ability,

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(for all of our "Chaplain Ray Family" and the IPM team)

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is The Ability of God's Word, by Bob Hoekstra.



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