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Dear Friends of IPM,

God desires each of His followers to grow in a life of obedience unto Him. We recently received a letter from David L., in a Georgia prison. David wrote: *"Pray that the Lord will direct me to lead a life which is pleasing and obedient to Him."*

It is the will of God that we learn to walk in a manner pleasing to the Lord. *"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing (fully pleasing Him), being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God"* (Colossians 1:10). Many people waste their lives living to please themselves. Living to please self will never lead to spiritual growth and Christ-likeness. Living to please God is what we were created for. Such Godly living can only be developed by faith. *"But without faith it is impossible to please him..."* (Hebrews 11:6). Only by humbly looking to the Lord and trusting in Him, can He begin to work in our lives this way.

God delights in our obedience to Him. When we are disobedient, we place ourselves in the place of God, seeking the honor and glory for ourselves. When we obey God, we enthrone Him and honor Him, and He receives the glory. The Scriptures make it clear: *"...whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God"* (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Jesus is the ultimate example of living a life of perfect obedience, pleasing to the Father. *"And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him"* (John 8:29). Jesus is our ultimate example of obedience. He came to earth to live in humble dependence upon, and full obedience to, the Father. This same

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Jesus now lives in us. He is our hope of an obedient life right now.

We cannot produce such a life of obedience on our own. *"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure"* (Philippians 2:13). As we allow the Lord to work in our lives, He stirs in us a desire to live a life of obedience. He also promises to provide the necessary strength—His strength—to live a life of godliness. As we are learning to walk in obedience, Jesus is ever present with us. Day by Day He offers the grace we need to live a life pleasing to Him.

May we follow the wonderful example of David, behind prison bars in Georgia. May we look to the Lord to lead, direct, and enable us to live lives which are obedient and pleasing to Him. We give thanks to the Lord for all who desire to partner with us in proclaiming God's truth and love to those behind bars.

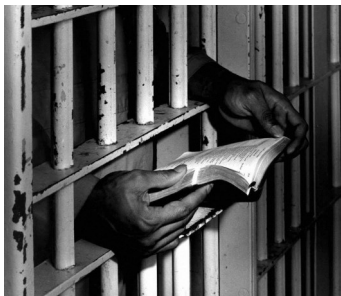
Looking to the Lord and Trusting in Him,



Heidi Hoekstra-Ceballos

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is Al Capone's Devil Driver, by George H. Meyer.



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LETTERS FROM PRISONERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED BIBLES, EDIFICATION BOOKS, OR INMATE TESTIMONIALS FROM IPM

(See reverse side where a sample resource is highlighted and is available to you as a free gift upon request)

Your Love for Us is Beautiful

I want to thank you for taking your time to write me and give me the opportunity to get some materials. Please let your family and the IPM team know that your love for us is beautiful. Your hard work to help the people behind these walls is wonderful. Your letter touched my heart and it came at the perfect time! May God bless you and all that you do!

- Miguel V., Pennsylvania Prison

I Appreciate All You Do

Thank you for your ministry. I appreciate all that you do for those of us who are serving time. I use these books as a way of reaching out to those who feel there is no hope. God bless you all abundantly!

- Anthony C., Connecticut Prison



Inmate Artwork

My Faith Grows

Thank you for the materials. They have really opened my eyes and gave me a better understanding of God. My faith grows tremendously after I read your books! I cannot express how grateful I am!

- Christopher B., Texas Prison

Thank You a Million Times for Being Here for Us

When I was in jail I received my first three book bundle from IPM. It has been six months since then and ever since being transferred to prison, I have looked forward to ordering the next three. Thank you a million times for being here for those of us on the inside. I am so excited to receive the next three books. I am going to share them with the girls around me. God bless you!

- Alexandra F., West Virginia Prison

IPM prayerfully responds to every prisoner who writes to us. We bless them with an encouraging letter and a variety of biblical resources, such as: Bibles, Testimonial and Devotional Books, and other Bible Study helps.

Cut Along Dotted Line & Mail

*“...to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound”
Isaiah 61:1*

At the request of many, contributions to IPM can also be made online at www.chaplainray.com

It is the policy of I.P.M. to use each gift as it is designated by the donor. If any project is completed, any surplus will be used where it is needed most.

Dear IPM, My gift to help share God’s love and truth with inmates

- Use this gift for *Bibles For Prisoners*.....\$ _____
- “*Library of Life-Changing Books*” for Prisoners.....\$ _____
- Support for Prison Ministry in India.....\$ _____
- Use My Offering *Where Needed Most*.....\$ _____

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HERE IS ANOTHER BIBLICAL RESOURCE THAT OUR
MINISTRY PARTNERS HELP US DISTRIBUTE TO PRISONERS

(This book is available as a gift by requesting it in the box below)

Al Capone's Devil Driver

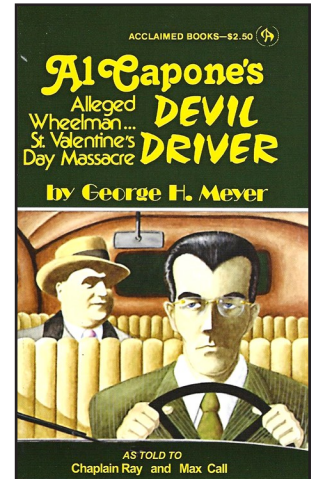
“Submit yourselves therefore to God...” - James 4:7

“Devil” was his nickname. That is what the members of the Al Capone mob called George Meyer. His boss was known as “Scarface” Al Capone, the most feared of the Chicago gangsters in the violent crime-ridden decades of the twenties and thirties.

The fact that he survived to tell his story is no small miracle of God. And the fact that Jesus has redeemed George’s past is a tribute to both the gracious love of God and the unlimited scope of His forgiveness. The story of George Meyer is of profound importance. He spent the majority of his life thinking he was serving himself. When he finally understood that every man has a master, he quickly made the decision that saved him.

It took God almost fifty years to get George’s attention, but once it was accomplished, George’s reaction was swift. He understood that as mortal men, we either serve God or we serve Satan. George truly and completely changed masters.

George’s story proves that Jesus can redeem any kind of life and use it to show His divine love for us all. No sin is too great to be forgiven. God’s love and salvation is available for everyone regardless of where he is, what he’s done or where he’s been.



Our Gift to You

George Meyer’s testimony has inspired thousands of inmates. What an example of what God can do in a life fully surrendered to Him!

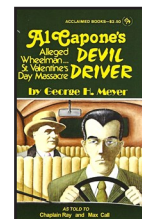
We praise the Lord for all who partner with IPM through their faithful prayers and generous giving which enable IPM to continue to share God’s love and truth with those behind bars.

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YOUR MESSAGE OR PRAYER REQUEST:



Yes, Please Send Gift



**Al Capone's Devil Driver
by George H. Meyer**

I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE IPM LETTER VIA

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