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Chaplain Ray,  
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Dear Friends of IPM,

As we walk with the Lord, He desires to produce spiritual fruit in our lives. We recently received a letter from David T., in a Texas prison. David wrote: *"I have begun my walk with Christ. There is a joy I've never felt before."*

Joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit. As we abide in Christ, spiritual fruit develops in our lives. This occurs as the Holy Spirit applies the resources of God to our inner man. This spiritual produce then appears as godly character in us. *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace..."* (Galatians 5:22).

*"The fruit of the Spirit is love."* This is a divine, agape love that flows from the very heart of God. Such love is not stirred by the "lovability" of the object. It is a unique, heavenly love available only from the Lord.

*"The fruit of the Spirit is...joy."* This joy is a gladness of heart, an inner spiritual happiness that does not depend upon our circumstances. It is a spiritual delight in the Lord that is always available, no matter what is happening around us. *"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice"* (Philippians 4:4).

*"The fruit of the Spirit is...peace."* This peace is related to a cessation of hostility between parties. It affects our relationship with the Lord. *"...we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (Romans 5:1). It also impacts our relationships with others. *"For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us"* (Ephesians 2:14). This peace also involves a spiritual calm and tranquility within our hearts. *"Be careful*

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*(anxious) for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made know unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).*

Without the Lord at work in our lives, we can become unloving, joyless, strife-torn, or impatient. As we abide in Him, He promises to work in our lives, producing the beautiful, Christ-like fruit of His Spirit. Praise the Lord, as we look to Him, trust in Him, and abide in Him, whether inside or outside prison walls, we too can experience the fruit of the Spirit developing in our lives as well.

We praise the Lord for all who faithfully partner with us as we share these glorious truths with needy souls behind bars.

Trusting in the Lord to develop Spiritual Fruit in Us,



Heidi Hoekstra-Ceballos

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is [Day by Day by Grace](#) by Bob Hoekstra (available in English or Spanish).



*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith" - Galatians 5:22*