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Dear Friends of IPM,

The Lord wants His followers to learn about and walk in His will. We recently received a letter from Samantha in a New Jersey prison. She wrote, *"Pray that I may find fulfillment in glorifying God's will."*

The Lord wants us to be interested in what pleases Him. *"Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is...I delight to do thy will, O my God...Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God"* (Ephesians 5:17; Psalm 40:8; Psalm 143:10). We are called to learn about and walk in the will of God. It is to be the determining factor in our lives. God wants us to forsake the arrogant, self-willed life, and humbly seek what is pleasing in His sight.

The will of God is revealed to us as we humbly seek Him in His word. *"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God"* (Matthew 4:4). We cannot truly walk according to God's will without regularly partaking of His word. If we humbly and consistently feed upon the word of God, He promises to reveal His will to us.

Our loving God not only reveals His will to us, but uses His heavenly resources to equip us to do His will. *"Now the God of peace...make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen"* (Hebrews 13:20-21). God Himself is willing to undertake the task of shaping us into His obedient servants. God is willing to equip us *"in every good work to do his will."*

As we walk according to His will, He is to receive all the glory and honor. *"Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of*

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God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). As we desire to please Him in all we do, allowing Him to work in and through us, He is glorified. What an amazing God we serve. What rich fulfillment He brings. Let us praise Him for all that He is able to do in and through our lives according to His perfect will!

Like Samantha in New Jersey, may we seek the Lord for a heart that is fully committed to His will. May we delight to do His will each day and May He be glorified in our lives as He works in and through us. We thank the Lord for all who partner with us as we share God's love and truth with those behind bars.

Glorifying Our Lord as We Seek His Will,

Heidi Hoekstra Ceballos

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift this month is I Escaped to Tell You, by Roger D. Lavoie.



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- Hebrews 13:20-21

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)

Wow, God is Such a Miracle Worker!

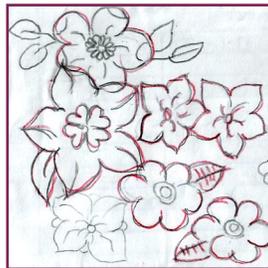
I recently gave my life to Christ a few months ago. It was such an amazing night! Seven years into my prison sentence. Wow, God is such a miracle worker! I praise Him for breaking my chains. I now live in freedom and peace. Thank You Jesus! Thank you God for sending Your Son to pay for my sins! Keep me in your prayers.

- Alma G., Arizona Prison

Helped Change Many Lives

Your books have helped change many lives at this facility. May God Almighty bless your ministry, and all that serve. Thank you so much for all you do!

- Marvin M., Mississippi Prison



Inmate Artwork

Thank You for Providing

Thank you for providing your materials and your letters. I really enjoyed Trials, Difficulties, and Impossibilities by Bob Hoekstra. May God bless you!

- Kevin P., Wisconsin Prison

Now I Just Want to Serve Him and Live for Him

I have rededicated my life to God and totally surrendered to Him 2 months ago. I've been running from God for such a long time. But, finally, God got me to pay attention. Now I want to serve Him. I've been in prison going on 35 years—and they've been hard. I've done a lot of bad in here. Right now I'm in the hole. That's when God opened my eyes. Now I just want to serve Him and live for Him. I don't know what the future holds, but I am in His hands, and whatever He decides to do with me, I'm available. I'm requesting your materials to help me walk with God. Thank you for your time and God bless you.

- Geronimo A., California 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)

I Escaped to Tell You

“Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them”

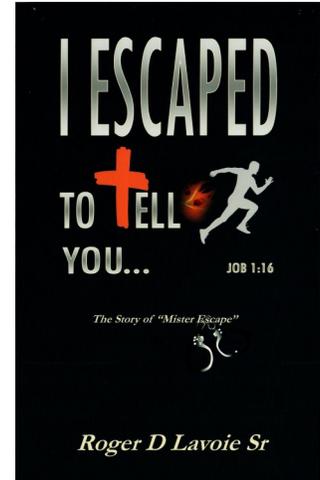
- Hebrews 13:3

“Darkness is a seductive lure. Once deceived by it your dreams will quickly vanish as it leads you deeper and deeper into the pit of its grip. The trap was set for my life as I took the bait and became ensnared. Because of my poor choices and rebellion it wasn’t long before my cries for mercy and freedom were ignored. My boyhood dream of becoming a police officer had been replaced by a life of crime.

“I was caught and could not set myself free. My youthful innocence had given way to the darker side of life until I eventually became an inmate at a maximum security prison. Even when I became a professional escape artist I still could not escape the life I was living. Darkness kept me trapped for over half a century until I finally recognized the true door of escape was Jesus. He was there all along, patiently waiting for me to surrender to Him.”

-Roger D. Lavoie, Sr.

This is the story of how over fifty years of crime and rebellion took a back seat to God’s forgiveness, mercy and grace. Whatever your life has been like, it’s never too late. There is always hope.



Our Gift to You

Roger’s testimony is a powerful message of the love and forgiveness of God.

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.

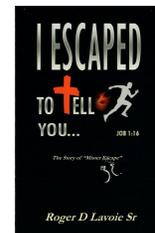
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YOUR MESSAGE OR PRAYER REQUEST:

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Yes, Please Send Gift



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by Roger D. Lavoie

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