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Dear Friends of IPM,

Do you know that every time we come to the Scriptures, it can be as if we were sitting before the Creator-Redeemer Himself, allowing Him to express His very heart and mind to us? What God has to say to us this side of eternity has been wonderfully recorded in the written word of God. His Word is as relevant and powerful today as when it was first spoken, because His words have behind them all the nature and character of God. Because of the character of the word of God, it has the ability to accomplish in our lives all that God desires for us.

One of the characteristics of the word of God is that it is living. You may recall that great statement made in John 6:63b, in which Jesus said, "*The words that I speak to you are Spirit and they are life.*" When Jesus went about teaching, the words He spoke were words of spiritual realities, and they were life. The very life of God was described and held forth through Jesus' words. Everything God has said, whether by God the Father or by God the Son through God the Holy Spirit - - every word is Spirit and life. This is the fundamental character of the word of God.

"*It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'*" You and I are to live by every word God has spoken. We need to understand that as we receive the word, we are receiving more than understanding and insight. We are receiving life.

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If we therefore want to be alive and spiritually vital, we must consistently be taking in the living word of God.

"For the word of God is living and powerful." It has a dynamic, heavenly force at work within it, the work of the Spirit of God. God's words have a life-giving impact on the hearts and minds of man. One of the great truths of the character of the word of God is that it effectively works in those who put their trust in it.

Whether a person lives behind prison walls or out in the so-called free world, only God's word is able to cut into the deepest places of human hearts - - to powerfully transform lives from the inside out.

Serving Our Lord with You – for His Glory and by His Grace,

Dini Hoekstra

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

P.S. Our appreciation book for this month is *God's Plans for You* by Andrew Murray.



"Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works" (John 14:10)



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

(See reverse side where a sample book is highlighted.
The book is available to you as a free appreciation gift upon request.)



I Give God The Glory Because I Am In Jail—Not In Hell

Greetings. Thank you for the two new books and for the Bible you have sent. I finished reading *Jewels For The Journey* by Jack Murphy and lent it to another inmate. I pray that God will work through that book to bring him into the kingdom. It is a blessing to know that there are true believers-in-Christ that are on fire for God.

I believe that Jesus in us is the light to lost souls in darkness. Honestly, your letters of biblical scripture have truly been a strengthening help for me. It is as if the Lord Himself talks to me through your letters. *(All the Scripture verses are God speaking to Alfredo.)*

I want to truly thank you for remembering us inmates that so many have forgotten.

Alfredo E., Florida Prison

Resurrection Day Has New Meaning

God has really been working in my life. Through prayer and reading His Word, His presence is always with me. Prisons are very hard. Rarely is ever a kind word spoken to us. At first I felt so sad and bitter. After God saved me, He began molding me into what He needs me to be. I do my best to see others as He sees them—each person, a being He created and He loves. So, I love them too, with His love.

I've learned to walk away from evil, and pray for those who do not know Him. They are like I was—blind. He can open their eyes and use them for good, just like He did me. I am so thankful for His gift of eternal life! Though this body may die, my spirit will live forever with Him! Thank You, Jesus, for making this possible! Resurrection Day has new meaning: Jesus rising from the dead to show us how we will be raised from the dead. We will live forever with Him!

Thank you and your ministry for sharing, caring, and doing God's Word. Matthew 25:34-40—you visited us in prison and you do so much for others—telling them the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You are an example of how disciples should walk every day of their lives.

Louanne L., Texas Prison

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

(John 11:25)



Your Letter and Book Helped Me To Find The Strength To Go On

Thank you so very much for your letter! It arrived today and it couldn't have come at a better time. Your letter and also the book and dictionary/concordance have helped me to find the strength to go on. God always finds a way to help me when I need Him. I am always needing Him. *Victor G., Alabama Jail*

Cut Along Dotted Line & Mail

God has a loving and gracious heart for prisoners (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 Dini Hoekstra, My gift to help prisoners realize that God's word is living and transforms lives.

- Use this gift for *Bibles For Prisoners*.....\$ _____
- "Library of LifeChanging Books" for Prisoners.... \$ _____
- Support for Prison Ministry in Russia & India.....\$ _____
- Use My Offering *Where Needed Most*.....\$ _____

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**HERE IS ANOTHER OF THE OUTSTANDING BOOKS THAT OUR
MINISTRY PARTNERS HELP US DISTRIBUTE TO PRISONERS**

(A copy of this book is available to you as an appreciation gift by requesting it in the box below.)

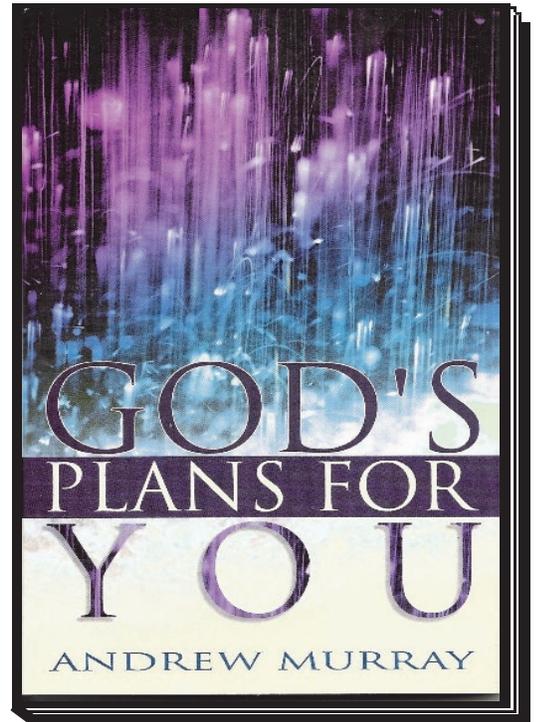
“Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works” (John 14:10).

Jesus Christ became man so that He might show us what a true man is. He became man to show us how God meant to live and work in man. Christ’s work was the fruit, the earthly reflection, of the Father working. Christ did all His work in the power of the Father who was living and working in Him.

Jesus Christ became a man to show us the true relationship between man and God. When we are made new creatures in Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 5:17), the life we receive is the very life that was and is in Christ. It is only by studying His life on earth that we know how we are to live.

Christ did not consider it a humiliation to be able to do nothing of Himself—to be always and absolutely dependent on the Father. He counted it His highest glory because all His works were the works of the all-glorious God in Him. When will we understand that to wait on God to bow before Him in perfect helplessness and let Him work everything in us, is our true nobility and the secret of the highest activity? This alone is the true Christ-life of every child of God.

Cultivate the holy sense of God’s continual nearness and presence, of your being His temple, and of His dwelling in you. Offer yourself for Him to work in you all His good pleasure. You will find that work to become your greatest incentive to a life of fellowship and childlike dependence. When you have learned the lesson of faith that believes on His working even when you do not feel it. As you know yourself better and God better, you will be content that it should always be His strength made perfect in our weakness (2 Cor. 12:9).



Our Appreciation Gift For You!

The Lord bless you, dear faithful ministry partner, as we all depend upon our loving Father God, Jesus our Lord, and the Holy Spirit to reach prisoners. So many letters give witness to the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of prisoners. We believe there is so much more that God is doing that only heaven will reveal and reward. *May His grace abound in you.*

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Yes, Please Send Gift Book

**GOD'S
PLANS FOR
YOU**

BY ANDREW MURRAY

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