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Dear Friends of IPM,

We see throughout the Bible that God's desire is to reveal Himself to humanity. He wants His people to get to know Him more and more. We can easily underestimate the great value of getting to know the Lord Jesus Christ. Knowing the Lord is what life is all about. The highest priority in life, God declares, is getting to know the Lord better each day.

The Apostle Paul saw clearly the precious treasure of knowing Christ. *"That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death"* (Philippians 3:10). Paul's goal in life was to grow in intimacy with the Lord.

Paul was a prominent Pharisee, a leader among the nation of Israel. Nevertheless, he forsook all of that cultural and religious advantage in order to follow Christ. *"But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord..."* (Philippians 3:7-8). He counted all these things loss when compared to the surpassing value of knowing the Lord.

Paul also stated that he had a single focus in his life. *"...one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:13-14). His focus was the Lord Jesus Christ and the ongoing quest to know Him more and more.

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God wants us to press forward, looking upward. He calls us to forget those things that are behind, whether they be past failures or past successes. Things of the past need not dominate our present. God's grace can cover past failures and pains. Today, we need to look forward to the next work of grace that He wants to bring forth as we walk on with Him.

Pastor Bob Hoekstra's book, Knowing God, is the IPM appreciation gift for February. In this book, Bob shares these biblical truths of growing in our relationship with the Lord and being equipped to share these truths with others. Knowing the Lord is to be the highest priority in the believer's life, whether they are inside or outside prison walls.

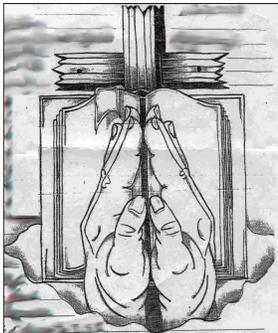
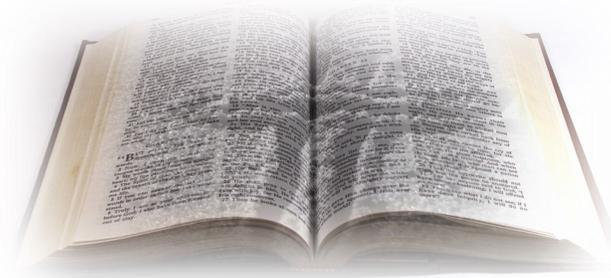
Pressing on together to know the Lord more and more,

Dini Hoekstra

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

P.S. Our appreciation gift for this month is Knowing God by Pastor Bob Hoekstra.



"That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death."

-Philippians 3:10

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

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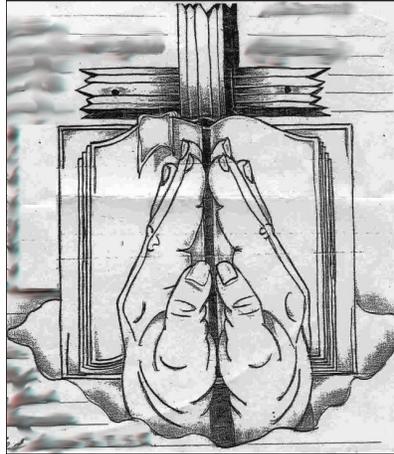
This book is available to you as a free appreciation gift upon request.)

Is Like a Treasure Chest

Dear Dini Hoekstra,

I recently wrote you requesting a Bible Dictionary, and testimony books. You answered every one of my requests. I have really enjoyed reading the literature. and I will share them with my fellow inmates. The Bible Dictionary is like a treasure chest of jewels to me. You and IPM are making a difference.

Adam N., Mississippi Jail



Keep Blessing People Like Me

Dear IPM,

Thank you! The two testimony books I've read during this week, have really made me look at life so much differently, because I've been down that road. And now I have so much faith. I know that if the Lord could change these guys, He can change me too. Please send more inspirational literature.

Keep blessing people like me. We need other Christians in times of our need and those books came in right on time.

During my time of depression, reading those books made me smile. I know the Lord sent those books to me because they gave me hope.

"Praise God." It is amazing how God can work through people to help others.

Thank you again. You have made a big difference in my life.

Trina C., Illinois Prison

A Prisoner's Prayer

Dear IPM,

I want to thank you deeply and truly for the Bible and books. You are not just blessing me, but the other men in my unit. We diligently seek for the good Word. Since we are on lockdown, we are unable to get any literature. In fact all the books have come from you. You are a light in our darkness.

"Father, in the Name of Jesus, continue to give all the people at IPM the strength to continue to do your good work. They take time to help prisoners in need."

Robert M., California Prison

NEVER STOP PRAYING!

No matter how hopeless, you feel, Never give up.

Never stop praying and trusting the Lord for He will carry you through.

Even if your are lonely, Never give up believing

that Jesus will never leave you nor forsake you.

He is always there in your heart. When hurts come, never give up, but forgive

those who use you.

Never stop praying.

Sent in by a Prisoner in Louisiana

"Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also"

- HEBREWS 13:3

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 get to know the Lord Jesus in a deeper way.

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

Name _____

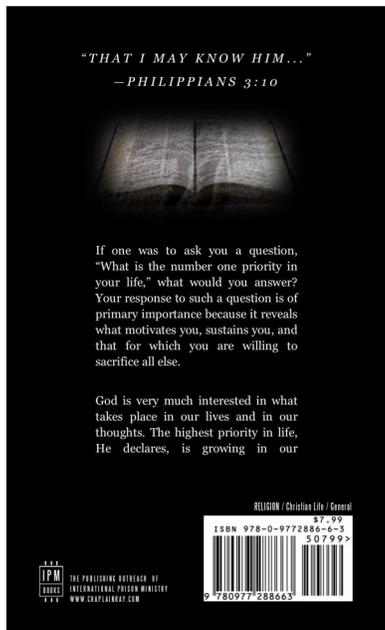
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HERE IS ANOTHER OF THE OUTSTANDING BOOKS THAT OUR
MINISTRY PARTNERS HELP US DISTRIBUTE TO PRISONERS

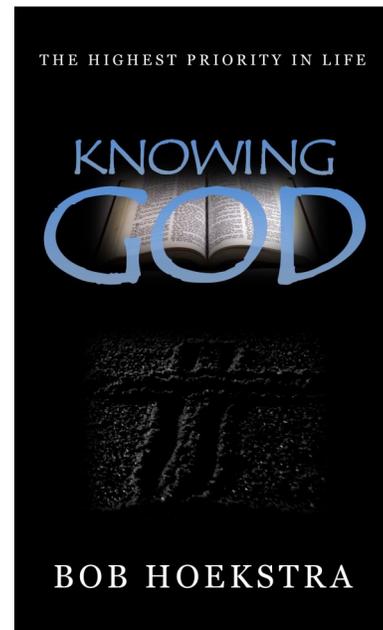
(A copy of this book is available as a gift
by requesting it in the box below.)

THE HIGHEST PRIORITY IN LIFE



If one was to ask you a question, “What is the number one priority in your life,” what would you answer? Your response to such a question is of primary importance because it reveals what motivates you, sustains you, and that for which you are willing to sacrifice all else.

God is very much interested in what takes place in our lives and in our thoughts. The highest priority in life, He declares, is growing in our knowledge and relationship with Him.



“That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death”
- Philippians 3:10

Knowing God is what life is all about. Having an ongoing, growing relationship with Jesus is to be life’s ultimate reality, life’s highest purpose, life’s highest priority, and our reason for living.

Pastor Bob shares with us these wonderful truths in this book. For every believer, whether inside or outside prison walls, may knowing God be the highest priority in life.

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YOUR MESSAGE OR PRAYER REQUEST FOR IPM:

Yes, Please Send Gift Book



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