

Regeneration One-To-One



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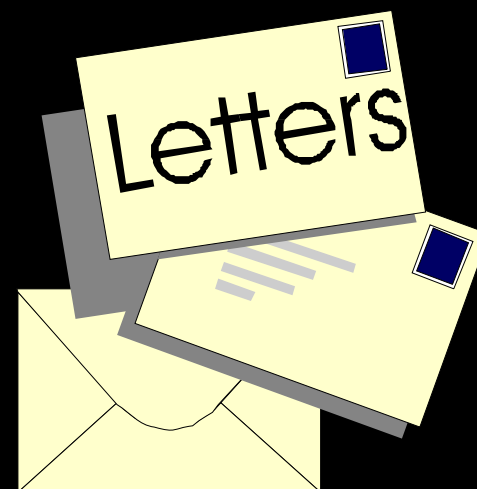
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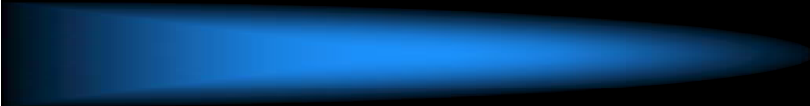

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Regeneration ONE-TO-ONE

A program to provide inmates
with
“Spiritual Bible Based Friends”.







**Designed to meet the need of
corresponding with inmates that are
in need of help in understanding the
Bible, while being on death row,
solitary confinement or have no
other access to Bible TRUTH.**

- This manual is provided hopefully to instruct, encourage, and inspire those that would have a desire to follow the Lord's leading in prison ministry,
- **so that every inmate in Florida will have the opportunity to get to know Jesus Christ and be saved, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit**
- **working through lay persons dedicated to provide their selves as an instrument of God.**

Reaching Behind Prison Walls

- It is **impossible to reach** all those that would have a knowledge of salvation due to the fact that we do not have volunteers working in every prison in Florida.
- Second, not every inmate will come to our programs, but would like to have some Spiritual Bible Based Friend.

Reaching Behind Prison Walls (Cont)

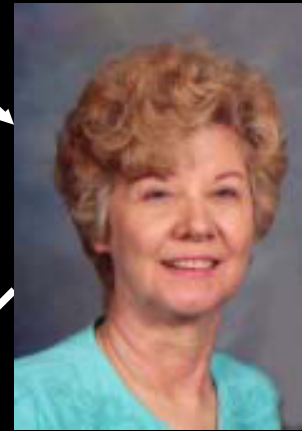
- To teach the do's and don'ts of ministering behind prison walls through the written word.
- Inmates are **begging for someone** who cares and is willing to take the time and effort to correspond in Christian love.

Reaching Behind Prison Walls (Cont)

- **We hope that through this training and examples you will be effective in this ministry.**
- **Anything not covered in this manual should be directed to the Florida Prison Ministries Coordinator for *Regeneration One-to-One*.**

How Does The Program Function

- All requests for a spiritual correspondent friend from inmates **will be directed through the One-to-One Coordinator.**
- Inmates and spiritual correspondent friends will be **matched together by the One-to-One Coordinator.**
- All correspondence from inmates to their One-to-One friend **will be directed through the Coordinator.** This is to help avoid problems that may arise, and **inmates are never to be given their One-to-One friend's address.**



CAUTIONS!!!

- **NEVER ON ANY CONDITION GIVE OR RECEIVE MONEY OR FUNDS OF ANY TYPE FROM THE INMATES.**
- **NEVER GIVE YOUR ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OR THE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF ANYONE TO ANY INMATE.**
- **NEVER SEND YOUR PHOTOGRAPH TO AN INMATE.**

A WORD FROM YOUR COORDINATOR

- It is the purpose of this correspondence program to uplift CHRIST to the inmates.
- Please keep all correspondence on a **spiritual basis as much as possible** to avoid any undesirable personal or emotional attachments with your One-to-One friend.
- **Keep Jesus as your guide and the Holy Spirit will direct your words.** May the Lord bless you in your endeavors to work for Him.

WARNING

- **We reserve the right to terminate any and all correspondence that we feel is inappropriate or getting out of control.**

THIS IS A MUST

- The following return address is to be used for all correspondence with your One-to-One friends.
- ***FPM Regeneration One-to-One***
ATTN. (Your First Name & the First Letter of your Last Name)
P. O. Box 2626
Winter Park, FL 32790-2626

**This is a must for
us to know you**

***FPM Regeneration One-to-One
ATTN. (Your First Name & the First
Letter of your Last Name)***

P. O. Box 2626

Winter Park, FL 32790-2626

Joe Inmate #1235646

Correctional Institution

P. O. Box 1234 B2 106 L

Any Town, FL 12345-6789



**Address needs to be
second line from bottom.
With City, State, Zip
on bottom line like this**

**This is a must
for the inmate
to receive their
mail**

**Bed Location
if supplied**

A CRY FROM BEHIND BARS

- **I would Like a pen pal. Someone to teach me, talk with me, I really want God in my life but I just don't understand, I would like some help please...I really want the Lord in my life I am young and I don't really understand a lot of things.*R.F.***

A CRY FROM BEHIND BARS (Cont)

- **My Dearest Friends,**
- **I'm doing time in prison at this point and have a life sentence. I really would like to have a pen pal. It means very much to me that I have someone with the Lord in their heart to teach me more about the Bible, I've learned to pray, I've offered my heart to the Lord to use anyway He wants... I'm doing the best I can dealing with all of this. But it's still nice to have outside contact. Thanks so much for caring.C.**

A CRY FROM BEHIND BARS (Cont)

- I would very much like to correspond with a Christian pen pal person. I find that being a Christian in prison is a lonely experience at times. Thus please send me my angel unawares to write.*J.G.*

COMMUNICATING WITH INMATES

- **Bible Based Friends should learn how to communicate with an inmate. In the first letter spend the time evaluating his/her needs as he/she tells his/her problems and background to you. Listening is one of the finest tools the counselor has. He/she must likewise understand the inmate's point of view. Following are several rules of listening.**

COMMUNICATING WITH INMATES (Cont)

- 1. Pray before reading the letters. Ask for the Holy Spirit to reveal what you need to respond.**
- 2. Listen for ideas and underlying feelings.**
- 3. Allow for your own bias.**
- 4. Keep your mind on what the inmate is saying.**
- 5. Make a conscious effort to evaluate the logic of what you hear.**

COMMUNICATING WITH INMATES (Cont)

- 6. Don't judge ideas by the inmate's appearance or delivery.**
- 7. Let Christ, who is the answer, have the last word, not yourself.**
- 8. Don't judge the inmate's motives.**

COMMUNICATING WITH INMATES (Cont)

- This **first encounter** sensitizes the Bible Based Friend and the inmate to each other.
- You **must never** begin the response by telling the inmate what you think is wrong with him/her, **or that the reason he/she is in jail** is because he/she did not go to church.
- He/she has probably heard this often from his/her arresting officer, or the judge, or the social worker, or the court attorney, or the corrections officer.

COMMUNICATING WITH INMATES (Cont)

- Begin by asking, **“how can I help you spiritually and socially?”**
- Generally this is not only a good spiritual approach, but also a good psychological approach. Right away we are attacking the problem of the inmate’s basic needs and concerns.
- **First, what can we do?** Then, here’s what Jesus will do for you. Motivate the inmate, **put him/her at ease.**
- **Share with him/her your Christian experience.**

COMMUNICATING WITH INMATES (Cont)

- **There are other basic viewpoints that a Bible Based Friend must bear in mind as he/she communicates with the inmate.**
- **The Bible Based Friend must understand fully the social and spiritual needs of the inmate.**

COMMUNICATING WITH INMATES (Cont)

- Many inmates who are **completely sincere** in **their conversion** **are disappointed** that the individual involved in leading them to their conversion actually stops short of giving the help they so greatly desire and that is so essential when they are released from prison.
- The freedom that the inmate yearns for is also the freedom that he/she dreads.

COMMUNICATING WITH INMATES (Cont)

- The inmate **looks for and longs for his/her liberty** but **likewise dreads the freedom** that deprives him/her of employment because of his/her past sins against society.
- This view-point and employment problems are matters that the church and those involved in prison ministry outreach must try to deal with.

KNOWING INMATES

- **Some individuals find it difficult to communicate with an inmate.**
- **How do you get to know an inmate?**
- **How do you talk to one?**
- **Is there a secret way to do so?**
- **There is no secret in conversing or communicating with an inmate.**
- **One must remember that the inmate is a human being, just like any other person.**

KNOWING INMATES (Cont)

- This is where most people **make their greatest mistake.**
- Often a person, many times a professed Christian, will go into a correctional institution with the idea of “going to the zoo to see the animals” and at the same time he or she is trying to cure all of humanity’s problems.

KNOWING INMATES (Cont)

- We **must never** lose sight of who an inmate is and why he/she is incarcerated.
- Every inmate is there because he/she has allegedly broken the laws of society and must pay with the loss of his/her freedom.
- Some are **innocent**, some are **guilty**.
- Some are there due to the **greed** and **selfishness** of others.
- Some wanted only to provide for members of their families and were not given a decent chance to do so.
- **A Bible Based Friend must consider all of these things.**

KNOWING INMATES (Cont)

- One inmate who had been incarcerated for seven years after being sentenced to fifty-one years, **felt that ignorance was the real crime.** Of ignorance he stated, **“too bad someone can’t capture it and convert it into a tangible.** With ignorance locked in a box most of the world’s troubles would be solved.” **This inmate is enrolled in the college program in his prison and is very close to an earned associate arts degree.**

KNOWING INMATES (Cont)

- A Bible Based Friend **must learn** how to gain the inmate's confidence and respect. Here are listed seven suggested ways in which a Bible Based Friend can gain the confidence and respect of an inmate:
 - ◆ **Always display concern**, especially in your words and attitudes.
 - ◆ Know when to talk and when to listen but make sure that you are in control of the situation -- **not the other person.**

KNOWING INMATES (Cont)

- ◆ **Never give a false impression** - explain what you can and cannot do.
- ◆ **Make only promises you know you can fulfill.**

KNOWING INMATES (Cont)

- ◆ **Never compromise your ideas or standards.**
- ◆ Try to handle problems yourself by relying **on prayer and divine wisdom.**
- ◆ **Encourage** the inmate to express his/her thoughts or feelings on the subject at hand.

**If the Bible Based Friend follows these suggestions
he/she will seldom have
problems in relating to the inmate.**

KNOWING INMATES (Cont)

- ◆ It is rather difficult to empathize with an incarcerated individual **unless you have shared a similar experience**. One should never say, **“I know how you feel”** if you have never been in prison, because you don't. **Better to say, “it must be very difficult for you.”**
- ◆ By your actions and words an inmate can determine your **prison experience** and even the **sincerity of your efforts**.

KNOWING INMATES (Cont)

- ◆ A Bible Based Friend should offer **friendship first, teaching second and preaching third.**
- ◆ Once you are accepted by an inmate the battle is half won because then he/she is more apt to listen to what you have to say.
- ◆ **Remember**, first the inmate must accept you as a friend, and in so doing **he/she learns to accept himself/herself** as a valuable human being.

KNOWING INMATES (Cont)

- ◆ Getting the inmate to realize that not everyone “**on the outside**” has rejected him/her plays a major role in learning to know and relate to him/her.

KNOWING INMATES (Cont)

- ◆ The first question usually on an inmate's mind is **“what's in this for you?”**
- ◆ He/she is skeptical about anyone from the **“outside”** as he/she has often been lied to,
- ◆ had **unfulfilled promises** and been disappointed and frustrated by many **“do-gooders.”**

KNOWING INMATES (Cont)

- ◆ You can write and talk about “**Jesus cares**” but the inmate reads your words. He wants to know, “**do you care?**”
- ◆ Once he/she has decided that you do care, then you can begin to explain that God works through human instruments.

KNOWING INMATES (Cont)

- ◆ In other words, you should first approach an inmate with a statement such as, **“I am writing because I love you and care about your physical, mental and spiritual well-being.**
- ◆ **“Because I care, I’d like to share the source of my happiness with you, so that you too may know real joy and peace.”**

KNOWING INMATES (Cont)

- ◆ Not everyone will accept you with friendship.
- ◆ Some are there with the same attitudes that crucified Jesus, thus we must as the Scriptures say, **“be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.”**
- ◆ It will take **“pure, unadulterated love”** to deal with some of these attitudes.

KNOWING INMATES (Cont)

- ◆ **Let's take a closer look at the inmate to whom the Bible Based Friend must minister.**
- ◆ **Most inmates are un-churched and few attended church till time of their arrest.**
- ◆ **According to the Board of Rabbis in the United States there are very few Jewish inmates, about 100 Jewish inmates in a prison population of approximately 11,000.**

KNOWING INMATES (Cont)

- ◆ Many inmates are Black or Hispanic.
- ◆ However, the common denominator is poverty.
- ◆ This is true almost by definition.
- ◆ Being poor is a substantial element of their problem.
- ◆ If they were not poor, many would not be in prison.

KNOWING INMATES (Cont)

- ◆ **Most inmates come from ghetto communities, many were jobless when arrested, most have limited education.**
- ◆ **Many Hispanic inmates speak little English.**
- ◆ **Many inmates do not even understand the charges against them.**
- ◆ **Some do not even know how much their bail was set for.**
- ◆ **Few have any plan for dealing with their situation.**

KNOWING INMATES (Cont)

- ◆ **Many young offenders are drug addicts. Their alleged crime is usually drug related -- that is, possession, use or stealing to support the drug habit -- as well as an anti-social behavior due to the use of drugs.**
- ◆ **Many inmates have been convicted of previous crimes.**

KNOWING INMATES (Cont)

- ◆ To sum up, a typical inmate is un-churched, poor, has little education, was unemployed when arrested, and if a youth, was probably charged with a drug-related crime.
- ◆ **In concluding this chapter on our relationship with the inmates, the following points are listed that all Bible Based Friends must abide by, with some repetition to emphasize the importance:**

Instructions for Bible Based Friend Counselors

- ◆ Here are some basic guidelines that must be adhered to and a counselor should never let his/her sympathy outweigh his/her good judgement to break any of the following:

DON'TS

- 1. Don't** make promises you can't keep.
- 2. Don't** in any way reprimand them about their previous conditions or what they "may" have done to be confined.
- 3. Don't** give any money or anything that can be converted into money. **This is against the law.**
Can send one stamp only if needed (so that they will have a stamp to write back).

DON'TS (Cont)

4. It is **against the law** to give anything to an inmate.
5. If you have any religious material to send, it should be sent through the Adventist Book Center. A list of Florida Prison Ministries material is available and an order blank to be used is available from the One-to One Coordinator.

DON'TS (Cont)

- 6. Do not make the mistake of letting an inmate think he/she can run a game on you (con you, or fool you) simply because you are a Christian. Be wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove.**
- 7. If a doubtful situation arises, consult your leader or prison ministry coordinator.**

DON'TS (Cont)

- 8. No telephone numbers are to be given to the inmates.**
- 9. Don't try to be a theologian.**
- 10. Don't have a 'holier-than-thou attitude**
- 11. Don't be an expert or reformer.**
- 12. Don't do this to help yourself.**

DON'TS (Cont)

- 13. Don't ask why a person is or has been in prison.**
- 14. Don't be "preachy" or push people into making a decision for Christ.**
- 15. Don't criticize staff, an institution, other races, countries, or religions.**
- 16. Don't enter any personal or business transactions with prisoners. It could be a FELONY and you could be prosecuted.**

DON'TS (Cont)

17. No worker's home address is to be given to an inmate at any time.
18. **Do not allow the inmates to become personal with you. Remember familiarity breeds contempt. The Bible Based Friend is there to do a job for the Master and everything that is done must represent Him. Therefore, it is necessary to do all things in decency and in order.**

DON'TS (Cont)

19. No person of the opposite sex will be allowed to have a one on one relationship with an inmate
- 20. No hard back books are to be given to inmates.**
- 21. Be careful about sending pictures to inmates. They should be of a family setting only.**

DO'S

1. When in doubt, ask.
2. Be a Christian friend to inmates.
3. Share your faith with inmates.
4. Keep your objectivity.
5. Give the name and address. of your church or P. O. Box only.

DO'S (Cont)

6. **Be dependable.**
7. **Be patient.**
8. **Be honest.**
9. **Be a good listener.**
10. **Do be aware of con games.**

DO'S (Cont)

11. Do be trustworthy when someone **shares with you personal or confidential information.**
12. Do be prepared to handle flirting or romantic advances.
13. Do try to find ways to encourage and give hope.

TYPICAL INMATE PLEA

- **My Dearest Friends,**
- **I'm doing time in prison at this point and have a Life's Sentence. I really would like to have a pen pal.**
- **It means very much to me that I have someone with the Lord, to teach me more about the Bible. I have learned to pray and I have offered my heart to the Lord...**

TYPICAL INMATE PLEA (Cont)

- **I am doing the best I can dealing with all of this, but it is still nice to have outside contact.**
- **Thanks so much for caring.**

Betty Goines and Iralee Medder



**Sample Inmate Card
Sent to
Bible Based Friend**



Our Lord has
written the promise
of the resurrection not
in books alone, but in
every leaf in springtime.

Love
in Christ,
Dinnie

Sample Inmate Card
Sent to
Bible Based Friend



"THIS
IS THE
DAY"



THE TORNDIAD





"Nature's Song's Of Paradise"

Young inmate reflects dangers of returning to society without receiving rehabilitation

U.S. inmates in isolation

Percentage of inmates in isolation at state prisons in 34 states and the District of Columbia:



Source: Criminal Justice Institute, 2001
Corrections Yearbook

By Quin Tian, USA TODAY

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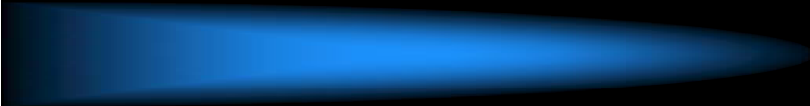

includes figures only from 34 states and the District of Columbia, which responded to a survey by the Criminal Justice Institute.

	Inmates in isolation	Percentage of overall prison population
Ariz.	998	4%
Ark.	1,883	17%
Calif.	8,775	6%
Colo.	922	7%
Conn.	525	3%
Del.	96	2%
D.C.	592	16%
Fla.	4,001	6%
Hawaii	132	4%
Idaho	187	5%
Ill.	3,563	8%
Ind.	1,443	8%
Kan.	486	6%
Ky.	170	2%
Md.	1,120	5%
Mich.	2,715	6%
Minn.	262	4%
Mo.	3,381	12%
Mont.	68	4%
Neb.	195	5%
N.C.	378	1%
N.D.	39	4%
N.Y.	5,961	8%
Ohio	1,022	2%
Okla.	497	3%
Ore.	294	3%
Pa.	2,207	6%
R.I.	27	1%
S.C.	627	3%
Tenn.	1,795	10%
Texas	8,120	7%

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This part of the manual has been put together to further guide you in sharpening your communicative skills to the inmates. The art of letter writing is being lost via the modern technology in today's environment. The inmates say 'receiving a letter is the same as being visited'.

The illustrations presented here has been compiled by Dot Riffel who has had success in writing to the inmates.

Current Date

Dear _____,

It is a special privilege to get your name and address so I can write to you. I have added your name to my prayer list so I will be praying for you every day. I hope you will be praying often, also. It is a special privilege to pray. Humans are the only beings on earth who have a connection with heaven in this way.

Please tell me a little about yourself--your hobbies, interests, and your hope for the future. Do you like to read? Let me know when your birthday is and I will send you birthday greetings. I do that for all the people in my church. It is one of my joys in life and they seem to enjoy receiving them.

I want to tell you more about who I am. Everyone is important to God. He made us and we are His children. I was a school teacher for 20 years and sometimes even had my own children in my classroom. Now that's a challenge, for sure. My family moved to Florida in 1983 and we like it here very much. I retired from teaching and then worked for Orange County for 13 1/2 years and retired from that. I lost my husband to cancer in October, 1998 and I have found it very hard to adjust. I have to lean on the Lord even more than ever before. I have 3 daughters, two of which live here in Central Florida. The other one lives in another state and I see her less than the other two but she calls me every Sunday. I have 2 great sons-in-law and 4 grandsons.

All during the cancer illness, we asked God to be in charge of our lives. GOD IS WILLING TO DO THIS if we are willing to let Him but so often we take charge without knowing it and usually we don't know what is for the best. He wants to mold us and make us over in His image. We need to be willing to allow that tell Him so many times throughout the day. We often said, "God, please tell us what to do because we haven't a clue as to what is the right path to take." Even during those hard times, we often recognized His blessings.

Invite the Holy Spirit to be with you throughout the day. He loves you, also. His job is to comfort us, to encourage us, and to warn us when we are tempted to do wrong. He wants us to be saved. He wants to help us and it really makes a big difference in our outlook on life, our attitude, our speech -- in short, it makes us a different person--A BETTER PERSON. I know from experience what a difference it can make in one's life. I try to read things of a spiritual nature and have found that has been a very good thing for my character.

The more we get to know Jesus, the more we love Him and the more we can see Him working in our lives. No matter who we are or where we live, we all have some problems. Christians aren't without problems but through prayer Jesus can help make our problems easier to bear, our attitude will improve -- because we are in partnership with Him. Faith focuses on God, not on our problems.

Remember Jesus loves you--and died for you.

Please write and share your thoughts and aims for now and the future. Talk to Jesus throughout the day while you are going about your activities. Praise Him for the blessings you see in your life.

Keep looking to Jesus,

Twelve Biblical Tests of A TRUE Prophet

Some people try to “play it safe” and reject *all* prophets in order to make sure they are not fooled by a counterfeit. ***This is wrong!*** God simply says to test them by His word. Then “hold fast” to the genuine. (1 Thessalonians 5:19-21)

TEST #1 - Deuteronomy 18:21,22

All the predictions of a true prophet come to pass. If a prophet's predictions do not come to pass they are ***not*** of God.

TEST # 2 - Numbers 12:6

They receive their messages from God in the form of visions or dreams.

TEST # 3 - Numbers 24:4 & 16

When they are in vision, their eyes are open and they do not blink.

TEST # 4 - Daniel 10:17

When a true prophet is in vision supernatural strength while in vision, he/she does not breathe.

TEST # 5 - Daniel 10:18

A true prophet receives supernatural strength while in vision.

TEST # 6 - Jeremiah 28:9

A true prophet's predictions will be 100% correct. There is no margin for "human error."

TEST # 7 - 2 Peter 1:20

A true prophet does not give his/her own private interpretation. He/she only interprets what the Lord reveals to

TEST # 8 - 2 Peter 1:21

A true prophet only prophesies in the name of the Lord. He/she is not concerned about glorifying himself/herself, only the name of the Lord.

TEST # 9 - 1 Corinthians 14:3-4

A true prophet helps and strengthens the body of Christ, His church, and works uplift it.

TEST # 10 - Isaiah 8:20

A true prophet keeps God's law and abides by the testimony of the prophets in God's Word. If a person claims to be a prophet of God, but does not keep God's commandments and does not follow all the testimony of the Scriptures, he/she is a false prophet.

TEST # 11 - 1 John 4:1-3

A true prophet believes in the incarnation of Jesus Christ; that Jesus is God but that He came to this earth and took on humanity in order to redeem this lost race.

TEST # 12 - Matthew 7:15-20

A prophet of God will manifest good works; his/her ministry will produce abundant spiritual fruit.

THE PERFECT MAN

**A man knelt in prayer and in anguish cried out
to God.**

**“Dear Lord, I can’t compete in this world. I
don’t have perfect hair or perfect teeth, a perfect
smile or a perfect physique. I want so much to fit in with this
world that asks for perfection. I want to be loved and
appreciated and needed. Oh, God, please do
something. “Change me.”**

**“My dear child,” replied the Lord, “to me you are
simply wonderful. I accept you just as you
are. I knew you even when you were in your mother’s
womb, and I have you engraved upon the palm
of My hand. Each part of you was created
in My image. And I am changing you daily.**

**But you see, I work differently than the world.
I work from the inside out.**

And deep within your heart, I see the beginning of...

PERFECTION

THE PERFECT WOMAN

A woman knelt in prayer and in anguish cried out to God.

“Dear Lord, I can’t compete in the world. I don’t have perfect hair or perfect teeth, a perfect smile or a perfect figure. I want so much to fit in with this world that asks for perfection. I want to be loved and appreciated and needed. Oh, God, please do something. “Change me.”

“My dear child,” replied the Lord, “to me you are simply wonderful. I accept you just as you are. I knew you even when you were in your mother’s womb, and I have you engraved upon the palm of My hand. Each part of you was created in My image. And I am changing you daily. But you see, I work differently than the world. I work from the inside out. And deep within your heart, I see the beginning of...

PERFECTION

You're Special

**You're special. In all the world there is
nobody like you.**

**Since the beginning of time, there has never
been another person like you.**

**Nobody has your smile. Nobody has your eyes,
your nose, your hair, your hands, your voice.**

**You're special. No one can be found who has your handwriting,
Nobody anywhere has your tastes - for food or music or art**

No one sees things just as you do.

**In all of time there has been no one who laughs
like you, no one who cries like you. And what makes you laugh and
cry**

**will never provoke identical laughter and tears from anybody else
ever.**

No one reacts to any situation just as you would react.

You're special.

Because you're special!

You're Special (Cont)

You're the only one in all of creation who has your set abilities. Oh, there will always be somebody who is better at one of the things you're good at, of talents, ideas, abilities and feelings. Like a room full of musical instruments, some may excel alone, but none can match the symphony sound when all are played together. You're a symphony.

Through all eternity no one will ever look, talk, walk, think or do like you.

You're special And you're beginning to realize its no accident that you're special. You're beginning to see that God made you special

for a very special purpose. He must have a job for you that no one else can do as well as you. Out of all the billions of applicants, one is qualified, only one has the right combination of what it takes. That one is YOU

FOR ALL THE NEGATIVE THINGS WE HAVE TO SAY TO OURSELVES

- ***God has a positive answer for it.....***
- **You say, I CAN'T FIGURE THINGS OUT**
 - ◆ **God says, I WILL DIRECT YOUR STEPS (Proverbs 3:5-6)**
- **You say, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE**
 - ◆ **God says, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE (Luke 18:27)**

FOR ALL THE NEGATIVE THINGS WE HAVE TO SAY TO OURSELVES (Cont)

- You say, I'M TOO TIRED
 - ◆ God says, I WILL GIVE YOU REST (Matthew 11:28-30)
- You say, NOBODY REALLY LOVES ME
 - ◆ God says, I LOVE YOU (John 3:16 AND John 13:34)
- You say, I CAN'T GO ON
 - ◆ God says, MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT (II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

FOR ALL THE NEGATIVE THINGS WE HAVE TO SAY TO OURSELVES (Cont)

- You say, I CAN'T DO IT
 - ◆ God says, YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS YOU (Philippians 4:13)
- You say, I AM NOT ABLE
 - ◆ God says, I AM ABLE (II Corinthians 9:8)

FOR ALL THE NEGATIVE THINGS WE HAVE TO SAY TO OURSELVES (Cont)

- You say, **IT IS NOT WORTH IT**
 - ◆ God says, **IT WILL BE WORTH IT (Romans 8:28)**
- You say, **I CAN'T FORGIVE MYSELF**
 - ◆ God says, **I FORGIVE YOU (I John 1:9 and Romans 8:1)**
- You say, **I CAN'T MANAGE**
 - ◆ God says, **I WILL SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEEDS (Philippians 4:19)**

FOR ALL THE NEGATIVE THINGS WE HAVE TO SAY TO OURSELVES (Cont)

- **You say, I'M AFRAID**
 - ◆ **God says, I HAVE NOT GIVEN YOU A SPIRIT OF FEAR (II Timothy 1:7)**
- **You say, I AM ALWAYS WORRIED AND FRUSTRATED**
 - ◆ **God says, CAST ALL YOUR CARES ON ME (I Peter 5:7)**
- **You say, I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH**
 - ◆ **God says, I'VE GIVEN EVERYONE A MEASURE OF FAITH (Romans 12:3)**

FOR ALL THE NEGATIVE THINGS WE HAVE TO SAY TO OURSELVES (Cont)

- You say, I'M NOT SMART ENOUGH
 - ◆ God says, I GIVE YOU WISDOM (I Corinthians 1:30)
- You say, I FEEL ALL ALONE
 - ◆ God says, I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU OR FORSAKE YOU (Hebrews 13:5)

PRAAYER OF SURRENDER

**I give myself to You anew. Take me!
Take all of me! Take me and fill me with
Your Spirit so that it may not be I but You
living in me; not my love but Your love
pouring through me; not my power but
Your mighty power working in and through
me. Fill me, so that it may not be I praying
but Your Spirit interceding through me**

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Start Date yyyy/mm/dd	End Date yyyy/mm/dd	Event Title	Event Details
2006-01-28	2006-01-28	FPM Training Certificate Presentation	Brother Ferguson will be doing the 11:00am Worship service at Pen-Mar Church and then we will have a FPM Training Certificate presentation at 4:00pm at the Lauderhill Church.
2006-02-04	2006-02-04	Ft. Myers FPM Training	Training Session 1 to be held at the Ft. Myers Church located at 3451 Ortiz Avenue. Training will be around 1:30 or 2:00pm.
2006-02-11	2006-02-11	Ft. Myers FPM Training	Training Session 2 to be held at the Ft. Myers Church located at 3451 Ortiz Avenue. Session will be around 1:30 or 2:00pm.
2006-02-18	2006-02-18	Miami Temple	Working out details.
2006-03-17	2006-03-19	North Florida Campmeeting	Will have our booth set up. Please come by and chat with us and see what is going on in the Florida Prison Ministries.
2006-03-26	2006-04-01	South Bay C.I. Revival	Will be holding a revival in the prison at South Bay, FL. Pray for us and our group as we go in to witness to these inmates that the Lord will use us to touch many lives.
2006-04-06	2006-04-08	Adventist Layman's-Services (ASI) Cohutta Springs, GA	Will be holding the Southern Union convention for ASI at Cohutta Springs, GA. If interested in details please contact F. Barton at 352-728-1229.
			We will be having training sessions this



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LAMB Training Manual	4306kb	Training manual for the LAMB Baby Program (PDF file).
Training Manual	115kb	Florida Prison Ministries training manual (PDF file)

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Application Form	15kb	Florida Prison Ministry application form (PDF file)
Become a Covenant Partner	18kb	Form to download, print, and mail to director of Covenant Partners. Form allows you to indicate if you would like to become a Covenant Partner, to sponsor an individual, to make a one-time donation, or to be a volunteer. (PDF file)



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Leader's Name

Ministry Name

Conference

Phone Number

E-Mail Address

Date Task Completed (mm/dd/yy)

Number of inmates visited

Number of Baptisms performed

Number of Bibles distributed

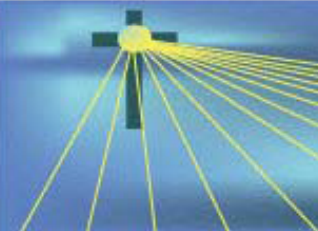
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Miscellaneous volunteer hours

Pieces of literature distributed

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Other Links

- [RevivalSermons.org](#) - Richard O'Fill's web site
- [LifeTalk Radio Network](#) - Connecting you to Christ. Free Bible guides and live Christian radio with free login. Free live broadband audio. Interact with us online during our live talk shows.
- [Shelter from the Storm](#) - Shelter from the Storm, Inc. is a not-for-profit, faith-based

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