

# Your First Visit to Perry Correctional for a Mentoring Session



  
Community Mentoring Ministry  
Perry Correctional

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Please try to arrive approximately 15 minutes (Between 5:30 and 5:45pm) before the start of your mentoring session as processing into the prison can sometimes take a little time. We may occasionally experience a delay in getting into the prison so do not be surprised if it takes a period of time before you gain access. Remember, we are guests of the prison and not their number one priority! We serve as witnesses to the prison staff as much as we are witnesses to the prisoners, so always be courteous and have patience.

**Remember to lock your vehicle securely** and proceed to Security for processing into the prison.

## Things to Bring

1. Your Bible
2. A note pad (no metal spiral-bound note pads)
3. Pencil or pen (no click pens)
4. A government-issued photo ID – your driver’s license will work IF it has your photo. THIS IS A MUST HAVE ITEM. Failure to have this in your possession could prevent you from entering the institution.
5. If you drove – your car keys & your license plate number

## Things Not to Bring

1. Your billfold & it’s contents – no money, credit cards, etc. should be taken into the prison
2. Cell phones – it is a felony to have a cell phone inside the prison.
3. Loose change – Nope
4. Knives, nail clippers, or other potential weapons – Never
5. NO GUNS! – even in your parked and locked vehicle. They are not allowed on the property.
6. Cameras or video/audio recording devices of any kind – No
7. Chewing gum, mints, candy, etc. are not permitted
8. Bottom line – it is best to empty all your pockets and store your personal items away from view in your locked car before you enter the facility. Most Security entry points are not equipped to hold any items that you forgot to put in your vehicle, so don’t bring it into the “Bunker.”
9. No smart watches or fitbit-type watches allowed.

## What to Wear

1. Dress is business casual. Pants, no shorts.
2. Proper shoes – no open-toed shoes or sandals

### **3. Dark/Black Socks**

#### **Processing into the Prison**

Upon entering Security, you will provide the corrections officer behind the glass wall with your photo ID. Clear Security by following the officers' instructions for sign-in, inspection, etc.

After giving your ID to the Officer in the control booth, you will be given a visitor badge. Secure this to your person (i.e. front of your shirt). You will then proceed to a building where you will remove shoes, metal objects (watch, belt, etc.) and go through metal detector. You may then be patted down.

Mentor visits will go between 6 – 7:30 p.m. Please make every effort to begin and end on time. If you want to close your visit in prayer, please make sure you end by 7:30 and are ready to walk out at that time.

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