



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“When you are caught in the frustrating maze of life, look up and be amazed by Him who is known as The Way.”

[A] Maze [D]

When I was young, I remember going through a large hedgerow maze located in the gardens behind the Governor's Palace in Colonial Williamsburg. It's quite large with 6 foot tall walls, although there are some cheat spots for folks who get really lost. [See video.](#)

More recently I have gone through a corn maze with a church group. I remember going into dead ends, retracing my steps many times, asking for directions from people who were just as lost as what I was. After hours of wandering, I finally found the exit. These types of [corn mazes](#) are popping up everywhere with all kinds of patterns. In 1993, the [first corn maze](#) was made at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, PA (near me). The maze drew some 6,000 visitors in the first weekend alone. It was built to raise money to aid Midwest farmers who were struggling to recover from severe flooding, which ruined many crops, including corn. It is amazing that farmers are now making more money making mazes than selling the corn. You might say “That is really corny.”

In many ways, life is like these mazes. It can be filled with frustrations, dead ends, injustice, stress, pressure and hardships. Identity theft is a constant fear. People move from place to place, constantly changing jobs. Relationships do not last. There is never enough money to pay the bills. The search for happiness and satisfaction is never found.

[King Solomon](#) was the wisest man that ever lived. He built Solomon's temple the house for the Ark of the Covenant and the worship of God. It is said that he was likely one of the top ten wealthiest humans ever. He personally got 1.1 billion dollars of gold each year from taxes and tributes. He surrounded himself with all luxuries and grandeur. He had 4,000 stalls for horses and chariots. He had great gardens, pools, servants, and musicians. He had 700 wives and 300 concubines. He was on top of the world in success, wealth and power. But with all this, he wrote in the book of Ecclesiastes: “Vanity, vanity, all is vanity...I hated life...I hated all my labor...there was no profit under the sun...the eye is not satisfied.”

If you find yourself trapped in the aimless maze of life, then memorize and practice: “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.” Prov 3:5-6 King Solomon wrote and followed these words before he took his eyes off the Lord and got in his Godless maze.



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*I stand amazed in the presence of
Jesus and wonder how He could love
me, a sinner condemned unclean.*



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