



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

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Many years ago, I was in a Christian Civil War drama called "Civil Hearts". I played a doctor who healed a seriously hurt man. I had a total of three lines. (I did so well that I was promoted to backstage, with no lines, for the next play.) For the next year, people often said "Hi Doc". To those who really know me, this role was the farthest from the truth. I get sick at just the sight of blood. I have passed out in three different doctor offices. Ask my wife, I cannot watch doctor shows on TV without getting sick. My words, actions and costume, during that play, were to make people believe I was someone that I really was not.

Some people play act so well at being a Christian that they even fool themselves. They walk the walk and talk the talk, but their heart is far from God. Someday there will be a final curtain followed by a postmortem review. The outcome will not be based on our performance but on the state of our real self. Let us stop the play-acting and sincerely turn our heart and soul to Christ.

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord have we not prophesied in thy name?...and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Matthew 7:22, 23

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