



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“Which can you do without for one week: Your Bible or your electronic device?”

## Is Your God Electronic?

*I remember, while in sixth grade (1968), someone brought in a computer for a demonstration. It was a black box and bigger than my desk. I think all it did was math questions. In my college years, no student had a computer and the only phones were ones on the wall that you had to put money in. In my senior year, the college started the first electronics class. There I learned from a very basic computer. Then in my first full time job, I typed on a computer that had a black screen with yellow-green characters. In 1987, I saw my first mobile phone. It was in a large brief case with a pull out antenna.*

*Then thirty years after seeing a computer for the first time, I got a used one for our home. In those days, there was only dial-up on-line connection with high long-distance fees. My first mobile communication was a company pager on which you could only give 15 second messages. (I remember my wife giving me voice codes for bring home milk or bread or call her.) I saw a phone that got the internet for the first time in 2008. Just last month, my son showed me his watch that he gets e-mails and all kinds of stuff on it. Wow, how things changed in 50 years. My school teachers would have failed me if I would have used any of the following words: Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, the Cloud, E-Table, Google, apps, selfie, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Android, Smartphone, Texting, Streaming Video, and Skype.*

*In many schools, first graders are now using electronic tablets and know how to search the internet. Almost every home, in the US, has at least one PC, laptop, tablet, or smartphone in their home. (We now have five of these devices in our home.) It seems like everyone has a smartphone glued to his or her ear or back pocket. I know people that eat, sleep drive and shower with their smart devices.*

*Electronic devices are quickly replacing, landline phones, cameras, snail mail, books, newspapers, photographs, table games, notebooks, calendars, maps, libraries, classroom teaching, physical credit cards, cash, calculators, and more. They influence and control our communications, free time, shopping, relationships, entertainment, morals, employment, and more. Last year, I bought all my Christmas presents online. My son met his wife through e-mail. Most of you are reading this through and an electronic device.*

*However, are we becoming too dependent on electronic devices? What would happen if suddenly they would no longer work? How long could you function without your electronic device? An hour? A day? A week? A more important question is how long can you function without communicating with God? You do not need an electronic device to speak with Him. He will never fail you.*

*“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”  
Jeremiah 33:3 “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”  
Phil 4:19 “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:  
Matt 7:7 “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matt 6:33*



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*Put your electronic device down for 20 minutes.*

*Jesus is trying to call you.*



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