



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

"Unlike chess, when your game of life is over you are not just kept in a box."

The Human Chess Game

I love playing chess. My father taught me in seventh grade. Soon I was beating him and everyone else. I have a document that I played my ninth grade teacher Mr. Wilson with my 475th game and my science teacher Mr. Bell with my 500th game. Of course, I won both. I even beat Mr. Bell in four moves. Then in high school, I was asked to quite the school chess club because I just blow everyone away. At that time, I owned more than 10 sets. In the 1980s, I was first runner up in a chess tournament. It was there, I learned that I was not unbeatable. Since then I put the sets away and only play the computer. But recently, I started training my great-nephew, Ian, who is in elementary school and has great potential.

According to [Wikipedia](#), chess is believed to have originated in India, sometime before the 7th century. The pieces took on their current powers in Spain in the late 15th century; the rules were finally standardized in the 19th century. The first generally recognized [World Chess Champion](#), Wilhelm Steinitz, claimed his title in 1886. Chess is a recognized sport of the International Olympic Committee. The computer IBM [Deep Blue](#) was the first machine to overcome a reigning World Chess Champion Garry Kasparov in 1997. Kasparov accused the computer of cheating.

In many ways, we are in a human chess game. Most of us are like pawns. We advance very slow in life with very few making it big or doing anything important. We are often controlled by those who are more powerful. There are two spiritual sides represented by one chess bishop, who only stays on the white squares, and the other, who only stays on the dark squares. They are in constant battle to influence us in angles that we are not expecting. The chess knights, who move in unexpected ways, can jump over our physical defenses. We can be in the best of health but suddenly we experience a disabling accident or from nowhere the Doctor tells us that we have cancer. The chess rooks are like financial pressures. We work most of our waking hours but the bills just keep coming and coming. It is like a brick wall heading straight towards us. The king is like our management or government. They move very slow. They provide very little but demand us to protect, provide and serve them. The chess queen is the most beautiful and powerful piece. However, like our lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life, if left loose, like the queen, the movement is quick and often deadly.

Are you board with life? Are you confused on which way to move? Are you tired with playing games in life? Then check who your Mate is. Yield to the Master to control your life and be on the winning side.



Does it seem like you are an only pawn against the whole world?

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"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, 9



Who is making your moves?

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