



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

## Swing the Bat

*My two sons love baseball and softball. To help with their game, I went thirds on an expensive bat for them. It came with a written guarantee to give the batter more hits. The day came that my oldest stepped up to the plate with his high-tech bat. The pitch was thrown and it went past my son. Strike one was called. The second pitch was thrown right across the plate. My son just stood there. Strike two. The perfect pitch was next. Strike three, you are out. Walking back to the dugout, my son looked up at me and said, "Take the bat back. It does not work." I replied, "You have to swing the bat to make it work."*

*We as Christians have God's Word to help us with our daily life. There are thousands of written promises and principles in God's letter to us. But until we study them and apply them, they will not work in our lives. (By the way, I saw a fifth-grader use my son's bat to hit an out of the park home run in an adult's field.)*

*"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."*

*James 1:22*

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