**TITLE**: ***It’s Your Move, Making the Right Choices***

***A beginning instructional guide to chess based on parables and lessons from Scripture***

**Need:**

Chess is a game that can be played and enjoyed at many levels. It is a game that can cross cultural and language differences. Studies have linked chess playing and increases in overall student academic performance. There are many “instruction” books on chess, but this material is presented in such a way to expose the ‘Learner’ to the Gospel message and encourage the study of the Bible as a higher pursuit. It is used to promote fellowship.

**Execution:**

This material has been used as an instructional technique in various public, private, and church settings. There is no way to PLAY a game of chess without having an understanding of the rules, principles and techniques. Some athletes or musicians may seem very good now, but you don’t know the hours of practice and training that has taken place to get them to their current level. You cannot learn everything at once, so you have to take your time and work on the basics and develop your skills. Through lessons that use parables based on scripture, the learner is slowly exposed to the Gospel message and how to play chess. **The purpose is not to teach that chess is from the Gospel, but to present the Gospel using the principles of chess.**

**Audience**:

Chess is a two-party game. The target audience is primarily younger children as they are open to learning new things. It will also appeal to an experienced chess player who desires to teach or coach children about the love of Jesus. The ideal setting is for a class that involves both a parent and child so as to promote reinforcement of the materials outside the lesson session. Only a few people can learn from a book.

**Expertise:**

I have been playing chess for 50+ years and I am a United States Chess Federation Certified Tournament Director. I have been teaching chess in public, private and church related settings for 40 years. I am a past President of the North Carolina Chess association and have been involved with organizing and directing classes and tournaments for many years at many different levels.

**Uniqueness:**

There are many instructional guides to teaching chess.

This book is designed to teach the learner more than how to play chess.

It involves reading scripture and teachings of and from the Gospel.