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*It’s Your Move -* Chapter Overviews

# I) In the Beginning.

There is a beginning to everything. The first step to beginning a relationship with God is to admit that you are a sinner and fall short of the Glory of God. The way man sees things and the way God sees things are different.

The conflict to overcome is to face sin and overcome death.

# 2) The Pawn game - Using what you know.

Life is full of choices. You must learn how to make choices and use the resources and gifts God has given you.

The Pawn *may be* the ‘w*eakest*’ piece but there are 8.

# 3) The King - What it is all about - Protecting and defending.

Why is the King important? What is the game all about? The King has a big cross on his crown. Does that make him a Christian?

# 4) B.M.o.C. - Believe Mightily on Christ - How to make decisions.

You need to know how to recognize danger and opportunities that are always around you. Block, Move, or Capture.

# 5) What it takes to W.I.N. (Witness - Inspire - Nurture).

Trophies and prizes are nice but they will not last. Play the game for the eternal prize and store up your treasures in heaven.

# 6) The Drawn game - Are there ever any ties?

There are (8) eight ways a game can end in a tie.

It is not always a win or loss.

# 7) Universal Language? - How do we communicate?

At one time the world was unified and had one language.

Chess has a language we use to communicate with.

# 8) The Queen - Balance Power, Force, and Wisdom.

It is one thing to rule with force, but wisdom is better.

The Queen may be the *most powerful*, but that does not make her the most important. She must make wise moves or risk coming under unnecessary attack. Force must be applied wisely. Even the mightiest piece can be beaten and captured by the smallest pawn.

# 9) Who Is Most Important? We are ONE in the body of Christ.

We are all filled with the Holy Spirit and given special spiritual gifts that we are to us and bring honor and glory to the King, Jesus.

Every piece is important and works together.

# 10) The Rook - Always strong - The Solid Rock.

Jesus Christ is my Rock and He is all I need.

One Rook is all you need to win the game!

# 11) The Bishops - Who's tending the flock?

The importance of deacons and leaders in the church.

# 12) The Knights - The Holy Spirit is like nothing else.

The Knight has “special” powers.

We all are unique and have special gifts we are to use for the task God has planned for us.

# 13) Power of Pawns - small but strong - Blessed are the meek.

More choices the Pawn can make.

We can learn many lessons from the Pawns.

# 14) The Power of Pairs - Working together - You cannot do it alone.

It takes two or more pieces working together to win!

# 15) Being Great - You have to work at it - It is not without effort.

Nothing in this life is guaranteed to be easy. You have to work at it.

# 16) Who Wins? When is it over?

The game is not over until the last move is made.

The number of pieces captured or left on the board has nothing to do with winning the game! It is how you finish, not the moves you made to get to the finish.

# 17) Castling - The King and Rook - A special team.

The King and the Rook have a special move they can make but you have to be careful not to lose your opportunity to take advantage of it. If you wait too long you may miss your chance.

Don’t miss your opportunity to claim Christ as your Lord.

# 18) Promotion - The gift to the Pawn.

If a Pawn is fortunate enough to move all the way across the board, it can be turned into any other piece (except a King – there can only be one!). We all become new creatures in Christ when we trust in Jesus alone to be our Savior and Lord. The gift of eternal life is a gift that God gives us and we can not earn it. We can never be good enough or do anything to earn the gift of God. We must believe by faith alone that Jesus is who we need.

# 19) En Passant - In Passing - Don’t let someone pass you by.

Everyday we have the ability to talk to someone about Christ. We must not miss any opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with someone who has not heard the Good News.

# 20) Sacrifices - The giving of something greater.

God came to earth, born of a virgin, and raised as a man. His name was Jesus and he came to pay the penalty and make the sacrifice so we can have a relationship with God. We are unholy and sinful, but through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross at Calvary, we all can share in the victory of eternal life.

# 21) Tips to a better game - Knowing what questions to ask.

It is important to know how to handle problems and issues in life before they present themselves. God gives us the Bible so we can be prepared to face the problems of this physical life and prepare us for an eternal life in the glory of God.

# 22) The Puzzles in life - working out the choices.

It is one thing to know what you are supposed to do - it is another to actually do what needs to be done. You can learn the rules and memorize moves, but when the situation becomes real, can you handle it?

# 23) Glossary of Terms.