



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“Two areas that you should avoid: mine fields and mine temptations.”

Avoid the Area

*I live near three power plants. They are [Brunner Island](#), [York Haven Hydro Electric](#) and the [famous TMI](#). About 15 years ago, as a leader in a Christian boy's program, we took elementary age boys to the power plant. One of the managers of the power plant was a member of our church. He gave us the VIP tour. He allowed us in the control room which the sign said **“Authorized Personnel Only”**. The night shift engineer gathered us around the newly installed touch screen monitors. He told the boys not to touch the screens because it could wipe out the power for a million people. Well, you do not tell young boys not to touch. They reached out their hands to touch the screens to see what would happen. We had to force them back. There could have been another power melt down. The next tour I was on at that location, we avoided that area. In fact, we were not even allowed to get off the bus.*

*When Adam and Eve were created, they had a perfect life. They only had one rule. Think of it, just one simple rule. **Do not eat** of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. If they had avoided the area of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, they would have never been tempted then sinned, causing mankind to fall.*

*In the Outer Banks, I saw a fenced area with **Do Not Enter** signs. The reason is that there are landmines still in the ground from World War II. There were German subs in that area called [Torpedo Alley](#). Those seamen were known to come ashore for supplies.*

If certain sins are a weakness for you then, to the best of your ability, avoid the area where you would be tempted. If you have a drinking problem avoid the bars. If you have a weight issue, avoid the candy store. If you have a lust problem stay away from certain website sites, movies and places. If you have feelings for the wrong person, stay away.

*Look to God for the signs of **“Danger”**, **“Keep Out”**, and **“No Trespassing”**. Your presence and actions could lead to the fall of you, many others, and will have eternal consequences. The Bible states if you are in the wrong area flee: fornication I Cor 6:18, Idolatry I Cor 10:14, and youthful lusts 2 Tim 2:22.*



Power plant control rooms

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Areas you must avoid!



Places of mine sinful desires.



Areas of temptations

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