

FAITH

PLEASING GOD

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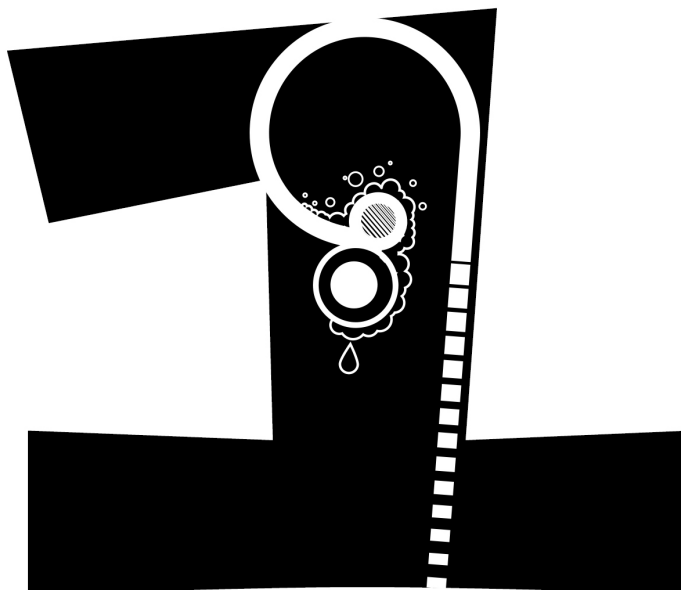
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BIBLE STUDY



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In this **1ST STUDY**, we are going to talk about why people were **CREATED**.

Do you know why people were **CREATED**?
Do you know why **YOU** were **CREATED**?

In these **STUDIES**, we will talk about a lot of important things, and one of the most important is **WHY** we were **CREATED**! We are going to discuss the reasons we were **CREATED** and the **PURPOSE** of being alive.

Many, many people in the world don't know why they are alive or the **PURPOSE** for their lives. *But* **YOU** can know! In these **STUDIES** we will discuss things you may have wondered about, or things you may not have thought about yet.



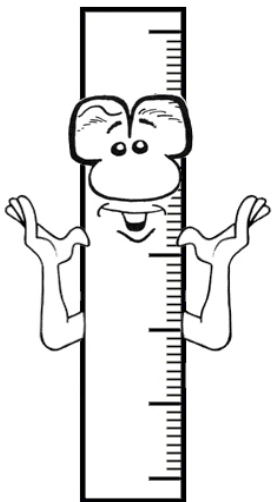
We will **LOOK** at what the **BIBLE**, **GOD'S WORD**, has to say about the **PURPOSE** for which we were **CREATED**. We can know **FOR SURE** that **GOD** has a reason that we are alive and that He has a wonderful plan for our lives. So, let's get started **RIGHT NOW!**



Our **BIBLE STUDIES** are about

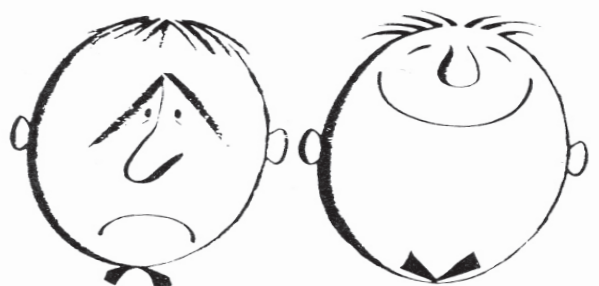
FAITH

We are going to talk a lot about **FAITH**; what it is and why it's important to have **FAITH**. But, before we start talking about **FAITH**, we want to talk about having the **RIGHT STANDARD** for life.



A **STANDARD** is used to measure something. If you were asked how long a certain table is, you might say it is 6 feet long or 2 yards long. In the first measurement, you used a ruler as the **STANDARD**. In the second measurement, you used a tape measure as the **STANDARD**.

We also use **STANDARDS** to measure our lives, and the good or bad things we do in our lives.



If you use bad people as the **STANDARD** for your life, then you might say, “Hey, I’m not as bad as those people! They are much worse than I am!”

But, we are not to use people as our **STANDARD**. There is only one **STANDARD** that we are to use and that is **GOD’S STANDARD**! We want other people to live by a right **STANDARD** but we do not always live under that **STANDARD** ourselves. How do we know which **STANDARD** is right? Well, because **GOD** our Creator has set the **STANDARD** or rules that we must live by. So, where do we find **GOD’S** righteous **STANDARD**?

GOD has given us His **STANDARD** in the **BIBLE**, His principles or rules that we are to live by. If we live according to **GOD’S** right **STANDARD** (His principles or rules) then our lives will be lived right.

But, if we live according to the wrong **STANDARD**, then our lives will be lived wrong. We will live a wrong life IF we use the wrong **STANDARD**. But, if we use the right **STANDARD** we can live a right life, a life that is pleasing to **GOD**.

So, how do we live a right life, a life that is pleasing to **GOD**? And what exactly is **GOD’S STANDARD** for MY life?

As mentioned at the beginning, we are going to talk about the **PURPOSE** or reason that we are alive. When we know the **PURPOSE**, we will know the **STANDARD** by which we are to measure our lives by. We don’t want to live our lives by the wrong **STANDARD**! We want to live our lives by the right **STANDARD** – **GOD’S STANDARD**!

It’s so important that we see ourselves as **GOD** sees us. **GOD** has told us in the **BIBLE** what His **STANDARD** is for our lives.

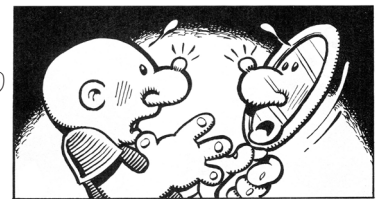
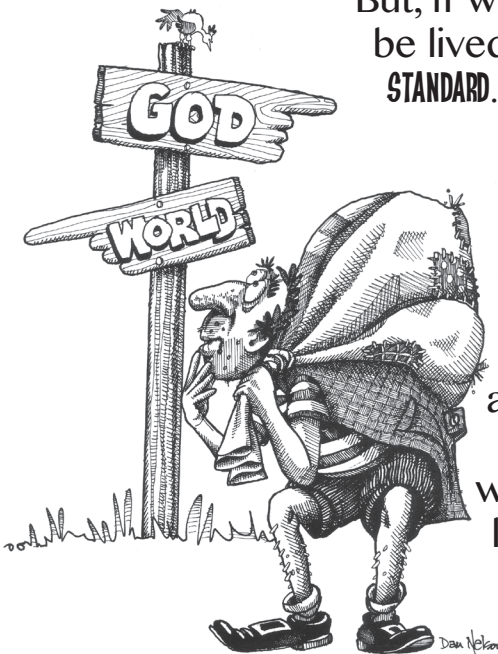
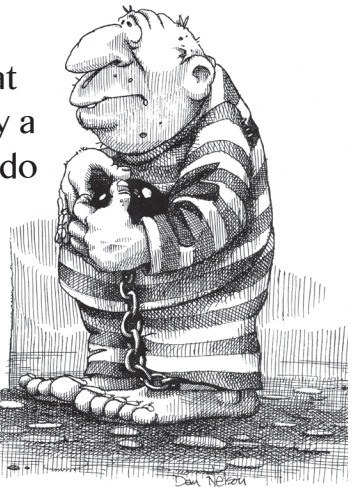
LOOK up and read Colossians 1:16,

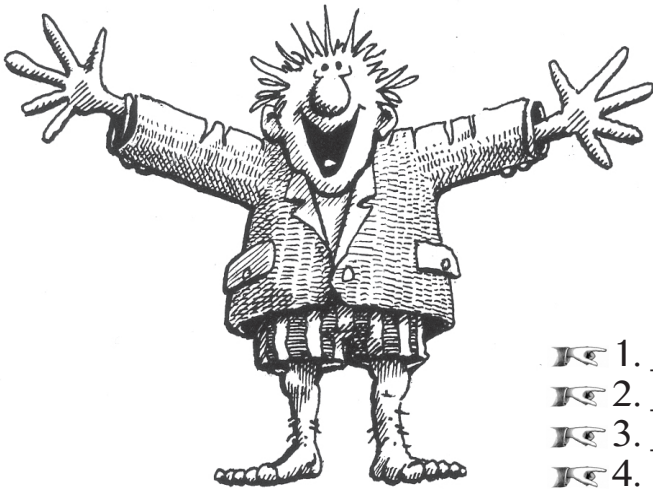
“For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.”



Now **LOOK** up and read Colossians 1:9-10,

“For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”





We have been **CREATED** for H __ __, and to fully p _ _ _ _ e Him. That is **GOD'S STANDARD** for our lives and His **STANDARD** gives us our **PURPOSE** in life. Our goal for each of our lives is to fully please Him! Can you think of some ways that we can please **GOD**?

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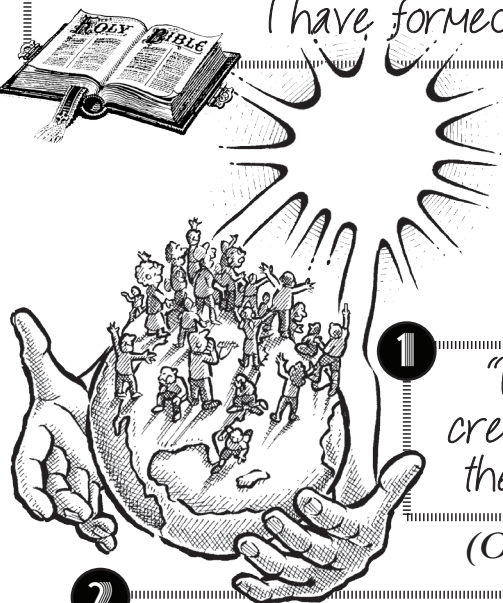
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Now, **LOOK** up Isaiah 43:7. Let's read it together:

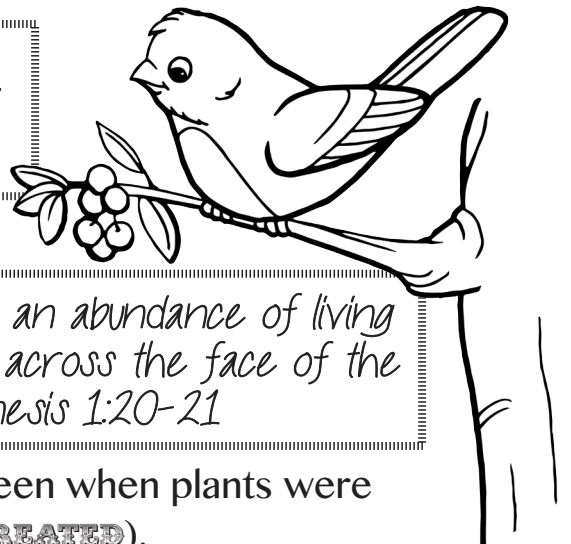
"Every one that is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory I have formed him; yes, I have made him." Isaiah 43:7

Let's **LOOK** at the words, "I have created."
CREATED means "actually causing to be."

LOOK up and read the three places in the book of Genesis where the word "**CREATED**" is used.



1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1
(Only **GOD** can do this)



2 "Then God said, Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." Genesis 1:20-21

(The word "**CREATED**" appears again between when plants were **CREATED** and animals were **CREATED**).

3 "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." Genesis 1:27

(It occurs again when man was **CREATED**)

It is the essential word that indicates the original act of causing to be.

GOD said, "I have created."

Now, let's **LOOK** at the second **WORD** in *Isaiah 43:7*, which is the **WORD** "FORMED". This **WORD** indicates a process. This **WORD** is the same **WORD** that would be used of the potter at work at his potter's wheel.



*"Every one that is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory I have **formed** him; yes, I have **made** him." Isaiah 43:7*



Do you know what a potter's wheel is used for? It is used to make pottery. A potter's wheel cannot **CREATE** the **CLAY** and then make a vase or bowl. The potter takes the **CLAY** that already exists, and uses the wheel to form the **CLAY** into a useful vessel.



By manipulation of things already existing, a new thing is **MADE** to be. The **CLAY** already exists. The potter just takes the already existing **CLAY** and then makes a new thing out of it.

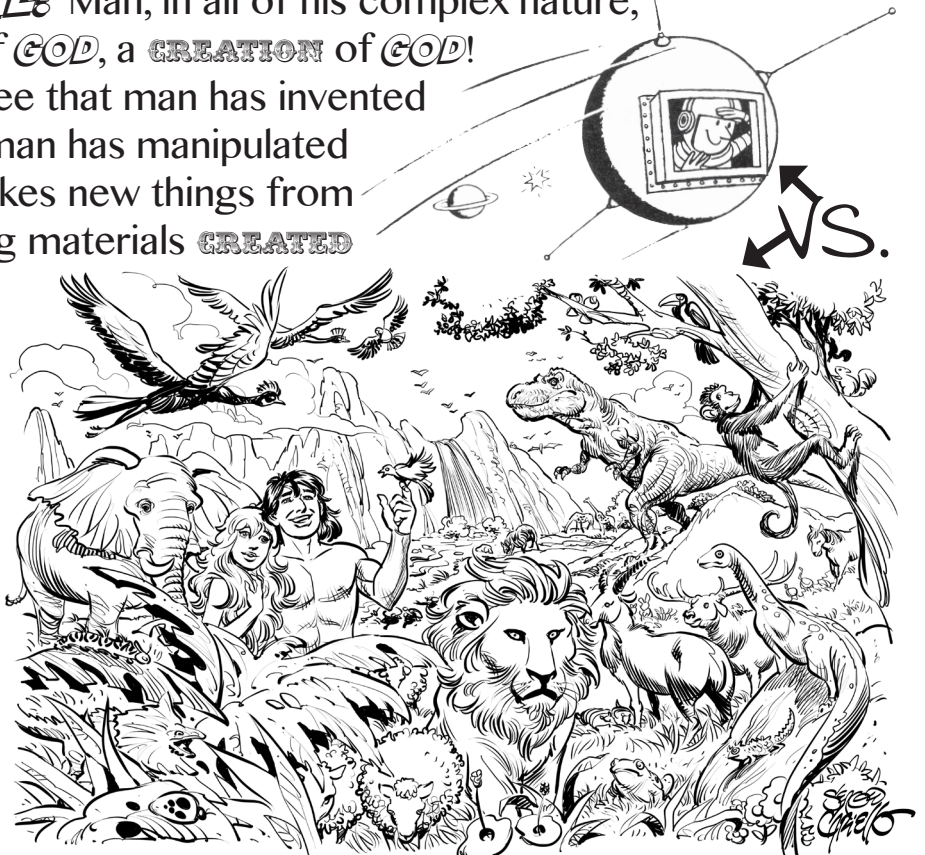
The third word, "**MADE**", is a word that indicates the "out look" or the "result"; "I have **MADE**", "I have accomplished", "I have finished".

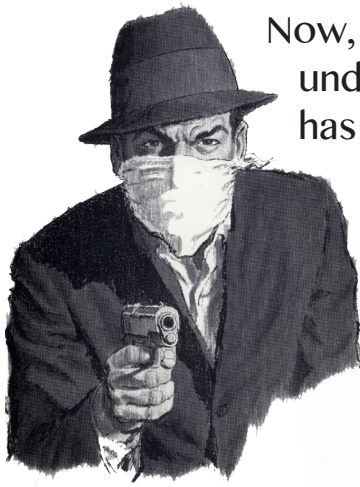


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THIS IS AWESOME! Man, in all of his complex nature, is a thought of **GOD**, a **WORD** of **GOD**, a **CREATION** of **GOD**! As we **LOOK** at our world, we see that man has invented and **MADE** improvements, that man has manipulated things that already exist and makes new things from them. Man can only take existing materials **CREATED** by **GOD** and make (fashion) something new from them. But, he cannot **CREATE** something out of nothing as only **GOD** can!

The only answer we have for **CREATION** is what **GOD** has said, "I have created." **GOD** has **CREATED** us. Do you **BELIEVE** that? Only **GOD** has actually **CREATED** things out of nothing!





Now, here's the great problem in life! So many people do not understand or **BELIEVE** that **GOD CREATED** them and that He has a **PURPOSE** for their lives. Because of this, they don't live by **GOD'S STANDARD**; they live by the wrong **STANDARD**!



This leads us to the last consideration in *Isaiah 43:7* which tells us that **GOD** has **CREATED** us for His glory.

Many people do not know this. Do you know this? Do you **BELIEVE** this?

GOD says,
"Whom I have created for My glory."
So, what does it mean to be
"**CREATED** for **GOD'S** glory"?

Go ahead and read 1 Corinthians 10:31. What are you to do?



"Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31



WHAT
ARE YOU
TO DO?

SO... WHAT
DOES IT MEAN
TO GLORIFY
GOD?

It means to bring Him **HONOR** through how we th _ k, and what we s _ y, and how we a _ t.

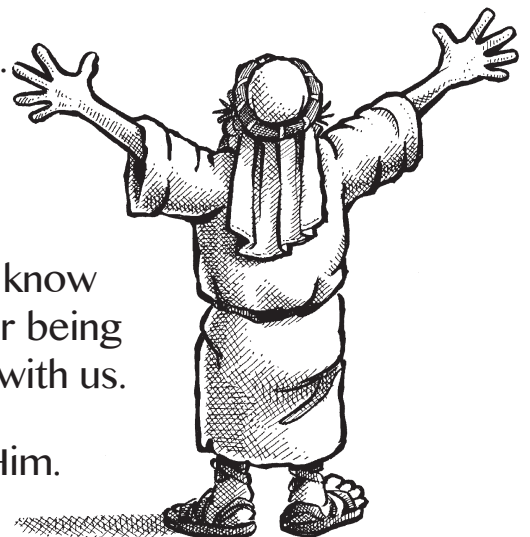


To **GLORIFY GOD** means to **HONOR** Him in our thoughts, words, and **ACTIONS** and to value Him above all things. To **GLORIFY GOD** means to have a heartfelt thankfulness to Him.

We **GLORIFY GOD** through our **FAITH (TRUST)** in Him.
We **GLORIFY GOD** through our **LOVE** for him.
We **GLORIFY GOD** through our **obedience** to Him.
We **GLORIFY GOD** through our **desire** to know Him.

It's important to understand that we were **CREATED** to know **GOD**. Man has a consciousness of **GOD**, which no other being has, because **GOD** wants to have a personal **relationship** with us.

GOD wants us to please Him by our **TRUST (FAITH)** in Him.



Pleasing **GOD** is the very **PURPOSE** of our existence and the **BIBLE** says that we delight **GOD'S** heart through **FAITH** in Him. We are not to live to please ourselves. We are to live to please **GOD**. We were **CREATED** for **GOD'S** pleasure.



Revelation 4:11 says, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things and for Thy pleasure they are and were created."

A person will never be satisfied until they fulfill the **PURPOSE** for which they were born; to please **GOD** by **FAITH** in Him.

Remember, without **FAITH** it is impossible to please **GOD**. It simply cannot be done. That's why the Apostle Paul said, "For whatever is not from faith is sin." (Romans 14:23)

WOW! **GOD** wants us to have **FAITH** in Him. (Romans 14:23)
He wants us to **TRUST** Him.



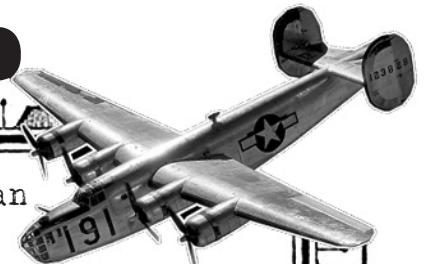
In the rest of the **STUDIES** we are going to **LOOK** closely at what **FAITH** **LOOKS** like in real life. We're going to **LOOK** at real people and at the choices they **MADE** to have **FAITH** or to not have **FAITH**. Some of these people lived a very long time ago. Some of them lived not too long ago. But, their choices to have **FAITH** or to not have **FAITH** **MADE** a HUGE difference in their lives. We can learn a lot for our lives from their examples!



Everyone *loves* to hear a good story. Make-BELIEVE stories can be fun. But a true story, one that we can really learn something important from, is very special.

THIS IS OUR FIRST STORY... AND IT IS TRUE.

During World War II on April 4, 1943, an American B-24 bomber, took off from an air base in North Africa. It carried a crew of nine men. It was flying to drop its bombs over Italy. When its mission was completed, the plane and its crew headed back to its base in North Africa. It never arrived. For many years no one knew what had happened to the plane, and the nine men on board. Some thought it had run out of fuel and crashed in the Mediterranean Sea. But, in reality, it had plenty of fuel. It had enough to fly 442 miles PAST its



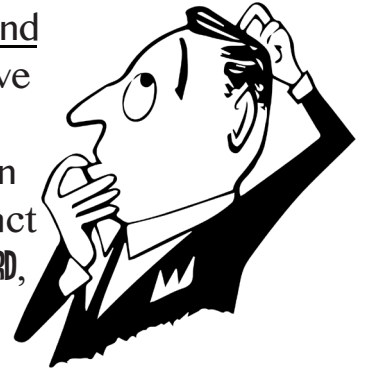
Actual pictures of the plane and crew



destination to where it was found 15 years later, ditched in the Sahara Desert of North Africa. What had happened? On that night, an unusually strong tail wind caused the bomber and its crew to reach the coast of North Africa several hours ahead of schedule. When their flight instruments indicated that they had flown far enough to reach their destination, the men just could not believe it! They thought it was simply impossible to fly that great distance in so short a time. Coming to the conclusion that the enemy was jamming their instruments, or that the instruments were just malfunctioning, the officer in charge made the decision to continue. That decision cost the crew their lives. When the plane was finally out of fuel, the crew parachuted out at night and the plane crashed in the Sahara Desert of North Africa. You can imagine what went through their minds as they looked around the next morning in the heat of the scorching sun, surrounded by sand as far as the eye could see. All they could do was try to walk out... and they died doing so.



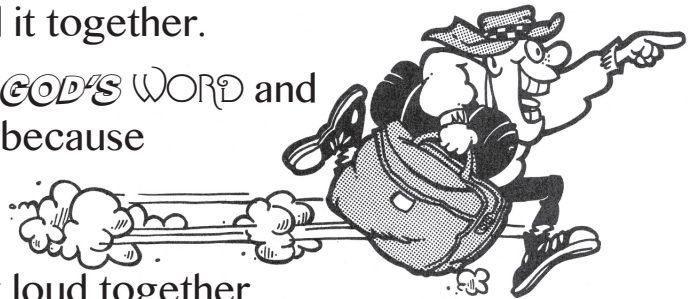
WHAT went wrong? Those nine men did not BELIEVE and act upon the plane's "STANDARD." The tragedy is that the instruments gave them all the signals they needed to find their way safely home while they still had plenty of fuel to get there. The information displayed on the flight instruments was true. They simply did not **BELIEVE** and act upon their "STANDARD." But, what about us? Will we ignore **GOD'S STANDARD**, the BIBLE, and just live any way we want to? Not living according to **GOD'S STANDARD** will never have a good outcome.



In some up-and-coming STUDIES we will talk more about the **DEFINITION** of **FAITH** in depth, but for now, let's read it together.

DEFINITION: "**FAITH** is **BELIEVING GOD'S WORD** and **ACTING** upon it, no matter how I *feel*, because **GOD** promises a **GOOD RESULT**."

The BIBLE verse for this STUDY is Hebrews 11:6. Go ahead and read it out loud together.



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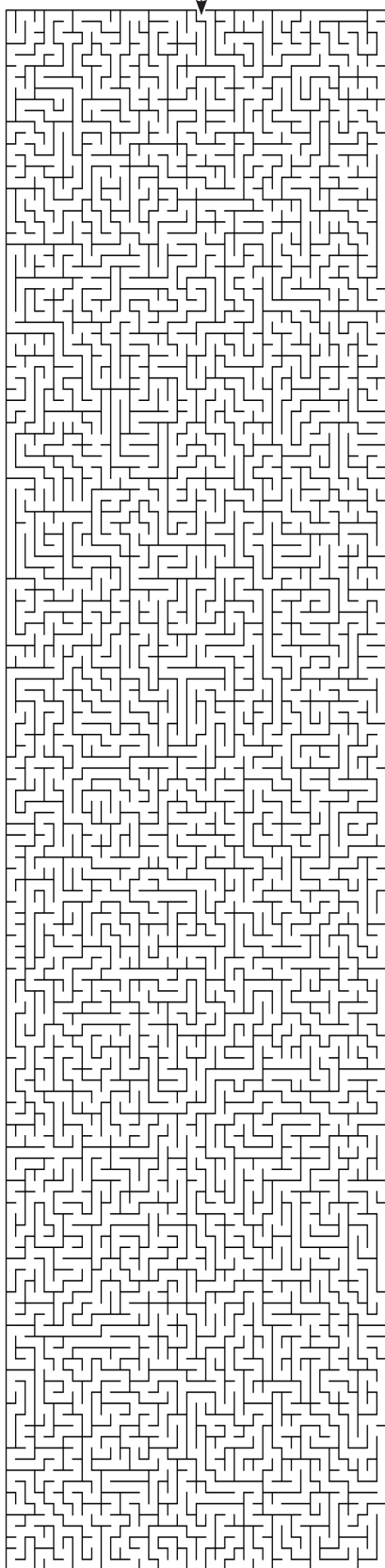




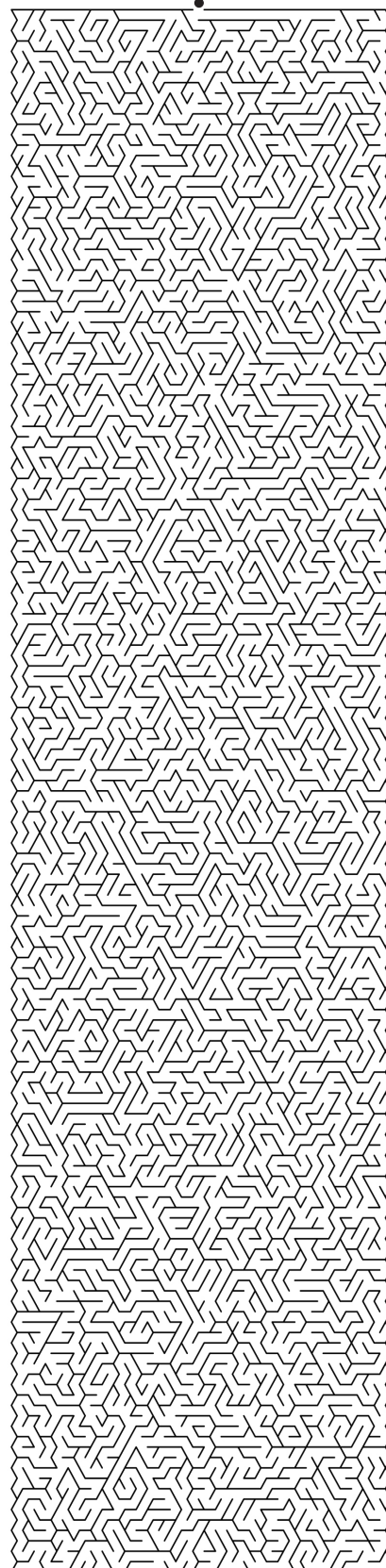
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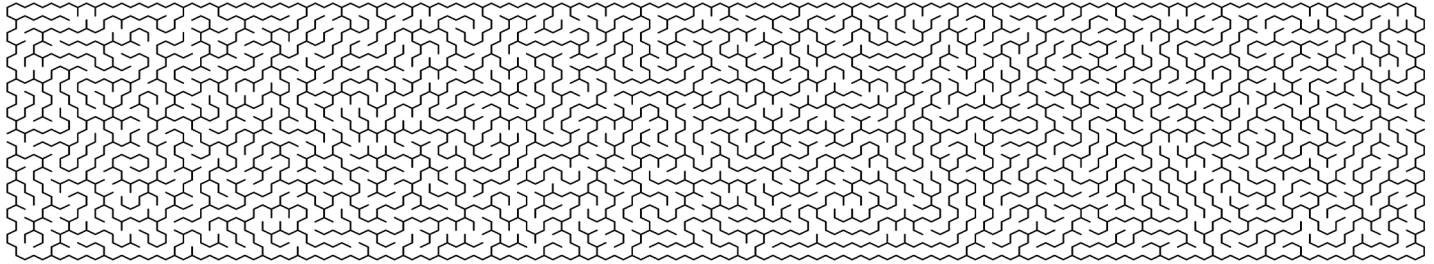


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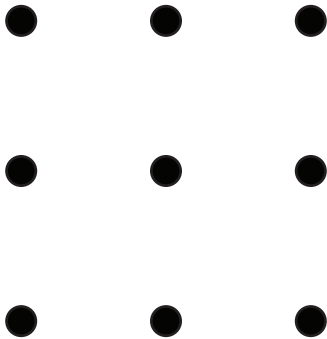


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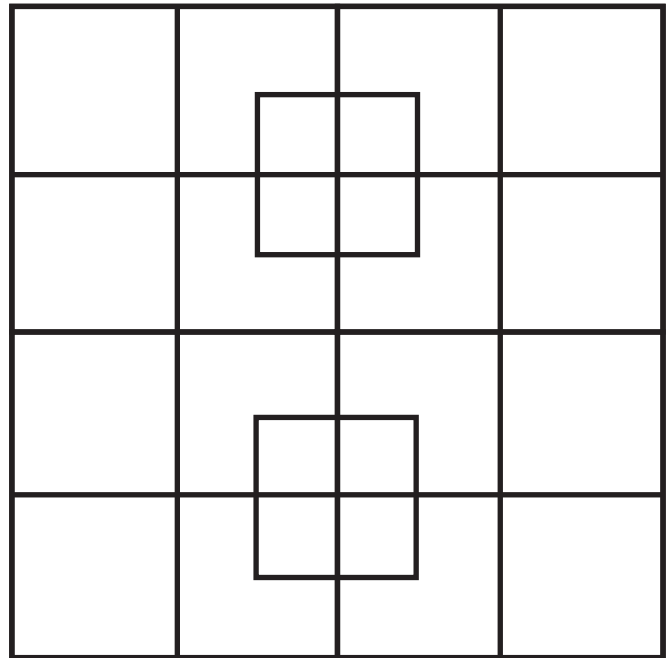
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Only **ONE** dot will be touched more than once.



HOW MANY SQUARES?

YOUR ANSWER



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Two boxes have been shaded as an example.

