

The Christian & Gambling

Links to History of Gambling in American

- <http://www.biblebb.com/files/MAC/90-164.HTM>
- <http://www.library.ca.gov/crb/97/03/Chapt2.html>

Biblical Principles that Apply

1. **Trust that God will Provide For You. Hebrews 13:5-6, Phil 4:19**

God normally provides through (1) work, (2) savings, (3) wise investments, (4) inheritance, and (5) the benevolence of the Church.

2. **Stewardship Principle vs Wastefulness. Romans 14:12, John 6:12-13**

- Gambling is a poor investment. The casino or lottery owners always make money. They always win. Gambling is exploitation by permission. It is based on the winning of a few but the loses of many.
- Jesus taught us not to be wasteful by having the twelve basketsful of bread leftovers picked up after feeding the 5000.
- Its insulting God to gamble but not tithe to His mission on earth

3. **The Difference between Gambling risk and Investment risk.** A gambler hopes to make money in a game of chance. An investor hopes to make money by research and calculated decisions.

4. **“The desire for to get rich” is a Impaling Trap. - 1Timothy 6:6-10, Prov. 15:27** **Biblical Money Making**

- Being Industrious & frugal (working) –Ge 2:15 Ex 23:12 Pr 10:4,5 12:11,24,27 Pr 13:4,11,23 14:4,23 16:26 20:13 21:5 22:29 27:23-27 Pr 28:19 30:25-28 31:13-27 Ro 12:11 Eph 4:28 1Th 4:11,12 2Th 3:10-12 1Ti 5:8
- Wise Investments – James 4:13-15, Parable of the Talents – Luke 19:1-27
- Inheritance – Prov 13:22; 19:14; 2Cor 12:14

5. **Community Issues – the love of your neighbor principle.** Whenever casinos come to an area so does increased crime, increased bankruptcy, increased gambling addiction, increase government costs of police and cost of recovery programs.

6. **Disproportionate burden to the poor.** The temptation to gamble is so strong among those under the poverty level that many families spend up to 20% of their income on the lottery.

7. **Are you gambling with the Real Matters of Life?** Are you gambling that you know a better lifestyle that that taught by Jesus and his apostles? Are you gambling that there is another way to enter the kingdom of heaven than following Jesus as Lord and Christ?