

What About Gambling?

Introduction:

- A. With a new casino scheduled to open in Columbus tomorrow, many are excited by the prospect of “striking it big.”
- B. But is this a good idea? Does the Bible have anything to say about gambling? How should disciples of Christ approach the issue?

I. Gambling is spiritually _____ (*1 Tim 6:7-10; Eccl 5:10-12; Luke 16:13; 12:16-21*).

II. Gambling is a kind of _____ (*Matt 25:14-30; 1 Cor 4:12; 1 Thes 4:11; Eph 4:28*).

III. Gambling is a _____ errand (*Prov 30:8-9; 10:4*).

IV. The system is built on the necessity of most people _____ (*Exo 20:17; 1 Tim 6:17-19*).

V. Gambling preys on the _____ (*2 Pet 2:19; Gal 2:10; James 2:1-7; 1 Cor 13:4-7; Matt 5:44*).

VI. There is a _____ alternative (*1 Tim 5:8; 1 Pet 4:7-10; Eccl 11:9; Eph 5:3-10; Psa 62:5*).