

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT GAMBLING

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I. IS GOD OPPOSED TO CHRISTIANS GAINING WEALTH?

THE BIBLE SAYS: DEUT 8:18 I CHRON 29:12-14 PRO 10:22

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. It is God that gives us the ability to become wealthy. Deut 8:18
2. We should praise God because riches & honor come from God. I Chron 29:12
3. When God gives wealth—there is no sorrow with it. Pro 10:22

II. DOES GOD CARE HOW WE ACCUMULATE WEALTH?

THE BIBLE SAYS: I TIM 6:5-10 PRO 21:5; 28:20,22

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. The consuming desire to get riches is the root of all evil. I Tim 6:10
2. The desire to get wealth often leads to temptations, snares, and many hurtful activities. I Tim 6:9
3. God desires contentment—not greed. I Tim 6:10
4. People who are greedy are susceptible to get rich schemes. Pro 21:5
5. A man with an evil eye hastens after wealth. Pro 28:20,22

III. HOW DOES GOD INTEND FOR MAN TO ACQUIRE WEALTH?

THE BIBLE SAYS: PRO 6:9-11; 10:4; 12:11; 13:22 II THES 3:10 EPH 4:28
MATT 25:14-30 DEUT 23:20 LK 6:38 LEV 19:10

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. God desireth diligent labor. Pro 10:4
2. Consistent work is God's plan for getting ahead. Pro 6:9-11
3. He that works his job shall have plenty of bread. Pro 12:11
4. If a person won't work—don't let him eat. II Thess 3:10
5. God desires earnest labor for our goods. Eph 4:28
6. God blesses legitimate investment. Matt 25:14-30
7. God encourages inheritance from one generation to another. Pro 13:22
8. God allows reasonable interest to be earned from all who are not your Christians brothers. Deut 23:20
9. God uses men to give things to his children. Lk 6:38
10. Society is to provide some form of welfare for those who are needy. Lev 19:10

IV. WHAT IS WRONG WITH ACQUIRING WEALTH THROUGH GAMBLING?

THE BIBLE SAYS: MATT 6:25-34 PRO 3:5-6 MATT 10:30 EX 20:17
PHIL 2:3-4 ZECH 7:9-10 I COR 10:31-33 GEN 2:15 EX 20:9
I TIM 6:10 MATT 6:31 I THES 5:22 MATT 7:17

FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. God desires that we trust in Him—not Lady Luck. Matt 6:25,10:30, Pro 3:5-6
2. Gambling violates the 10th commandment. The act of coveting is an attempt to gain the resources of others without providing anything in return. Ex 20:17
3. Gambling distorts our love for our neighbors. Scripture teaches us to be concerned for others. Gambling leaves a trail of human misery. Phil 2:3-4
4. Gambling exploits the most vulnerable of society. We are to look out for the poor & needy—gambling preys upon them. Zech 7:9-10
5. Gambling presents a bad example for others. We are commanded to live in such a way that would bring others to the Lord—not be a stumbling block that leads men away. Cor 10:31-33
6. Gambling undermines our work ethic. Work is an essential ingredient in the divine order. Gambling mocks the need to work. Gen 2:15; Ex 20:9
7. Gambling centers around greed. I Tim 6:10; Matt 6:31
8. Gambling has always been associated with evil. I Thess 5:22
9. The fruits of gambling declare it to not be a godly virtue. Matt 7:17