

## **SIN OF GAMBLING -THE REVENUE OF THE WICKED-LOTTERY MANIA**

**Proverbs 15:6 In the house of the righteous [is] much treasure: but in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.**

**Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven” (Proverbs 23:5)**

**WE MUST APOLOGIZE to our readers for introducing to their notice a subject which will neither minister to their edification nor increase their pleasure, a subject, moreover, in which the bulk of them have no personal interest whatever. Our apology is the necessity of doing something towards ending an abomination which reeks before high heaven, and has been too long permitted to defile the earth; an abomination which has survived the removal of all others like it from among civilized men, as dangerous to society and ruinous to public morals; an abomination for which there is no excuse but the depraved appetite of the immoral public, and no remedy but its universal denunciation by all respectable men. Those who have set up the gaming tables of Monte Carlo have no conscience; it remains for the public to find them one, and this can never be till an enlightened public opinion is formed and expressed. We cannot tell where the following protest may make its way, we do, however, entreat all lovers of common decency, all lovers of their race, to use such influence as they have in assisting the effort to put down this bane of the Riviera, this pest-house of Europe, the gambling establishment of Monte Carlo. SPURGEON**

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**1 in 5 gambling addicts try to kill themselves**

**So the question maybe asked is gambling a sin. Does God care whether his children gamble. Yes I believe we can prove from the word of God and not even from these examples that gambling is a sin and breaks many commands of God.**

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**Nevertheless we will give some following examples that show what the bible verses illustrate about the revenues of the wicked being trouble**

**Charles Riddle, who won \$1 million in Michigan in 1975, got divorced, faced several lawsuits, and was indicted for selling cocaine.**

**Evelyn Adams, who won the New Jersey lottery in 1985 and 1986 for a total of \$5.4 million, gambled and gave away all her winnings and by 2001 was living in a trailer park.**

**Teresa Brunnings, who won \$1.3 million in a lottery in 1985, says that she had a party then, but, "Of all the people who came, not one speaks to me now."**

**Karen Cohen, who won \$1 million in the Illinois state lottery in 1984, filed for bankruptcy in 2000 and in 2006 was sentenced to 22 months in jail for lying to federal bankruptcy court.**

**In 1985, Evelyn Basehore won two jackpots totaling over \$5 million. By 2000, she was broke and living in a trailer park, much of her money having gone to support “her hefty gambling habit at the slot machines in Atlantic City.” She said, “Winning the lottery isn’t always what it’s cracked up to be. Everybody wanted my money.”**

**After Lewis Snipes’ wife won \$31.5 million in 1988, her husband disagreed with her and her sisters over whether to accept the lump sum payout. The matter was litigated for four years and split the family apart.**

**Jay Sommers won a \$29 million lottery in Michigan in 1988, but it was frittered away by reckless spending, a friend’s “bad investments and shady deals,” and lawyer’s fees. Within five years he was broke and delivering pizza. In 2004 he said, “I’m still bitter and I’ll be bitter the rest of my life. I think I’d be further along today if I had never won” (“The High Cost of Winning,” People, March 15, 2004).**

**After William Post won \$16.2 million in a Pennsylvania lottery in 1988 his brother tried to hire a contract killer to hit him and his wife. When he declared bankruptcy in 1994 he said, “Everybody dreams of winning money, but nobody realizes the nightmares that come out of the woodwork, or the problems.” When he died in 2006 he was living on his meager monthly Social Security check and The Washington Post headlined his obituary “The Unhappy Lottery Winner.”**

**Thomas Strong, who won \$3 million in a Texas lottery in 1993, died in a shoot-out with police in 2006.**

**Jeffrey Dampier, who won \$20 million in the Illinois Lottery in 1996, was kidnapped and murdered by his own sister-in-law and her boyfriend who targeted him for money.**

**Billie Bob Harrell, Jr., a Pentecostal preacher working as a stockboy at Home Depot, won \$31 million a Texas lottery in 1997. He bought seven homes, including a ranch, and new cars, but within two years he committed suicide after his spending habits spiraled out of control and strained his marriage severely.**

**Shortly before his death, Harrell confided to a financial adviser: “Winning the lottery is the worst thing that ever happened to me.”**

**Mack Metcalf, who won \$65 million in a Kentucky lottery in 2000, divorced his second wife, gave away half a million dollars to a former girlfriend when he was drunk, was sued by his first wife for unpaid child support, and died in 2003 at age 45 of alcoholism. Metcalf’s second wife, Virginia, who shared his jackpot, bought a mansion, surrounded herself with stray cats, and died of a drug overdose at age 51 the same year Mack died.**

**Michael Carroll, who won about \$15 million in a lottery in England in 2002, said he only had \$3 million left in early 2006. He told the press, “I regret ever winning the lottery. I’ve spent \$2 million on drugs and given \$7 million to friends and family.” He continued to spend his fortune on “cocaine, parties, hookers, and cars,” and by 2013 “the ex-garbage man was hoping to get his old job back.” He had also admitted to attempting suicide twice.**

**Jack Whittaker, who won \$314 million in a lottery in December 2002, was sued for bouncing checks at a casino, divorced by his wife, ordered to undergo rehab because of drunken driving, sued by the father of a teenager who was found dead in one of Whittaker’s houses, and took to drink. Within four years his fortune was gone. His pampered teenage granddaughter, Brandi Bragg, to whom he had given four new cars and a \$2000 a week allowance, died of a drug overdose. In July 2009 Brandi’s mother, Ginger, was found dead at age 42. Whittaker’s ex-wife, Jewell, said, “If I knew what was going to transpire, honestly, I would have torn the ticket up.”**

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**For the majority of addictions, how much you spend is regulated by how much the body can endure. There is only so much heroin, cocaine or vodka you can consume before you end up in a hospital or a morgue. Gambling is subject to no such constraints. "The amount of financial devastation you can wreak plays a big role in this," says Keith Whyte, the NCPG Executive Director. "You can bet \$50,000 in a single hand, every minute." Suicide rates among gambling addicts are staggeringly high. The National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) has estimated that one in five problem gamblers attempt to kill themselves, about twice the rate of other addictions. The reasons for this fact are both blindingly simple and impossibly complicated. And the central befuddling fact is this: Gambling kills you because it doesn't kill you.**

## **SOME HISTORY OF GAMBLING AND LOTTERIES**

**An English lottery, authorized by King James I in 1612, granted the Virginia Company of London the right to raise money to help establish settlers in the first permanent English colony at Jamestown, Virginia.**

**Lotteries in colonial America played a significant part in the financing of both private and public ventures. It has been recorded that more than 200 lotteries were sanctioned between 1744 and 1776, and played a major role in financing roads, libraries, churches, colleges, canals, bridges, etc.[4] In the 1740s, the foundation of Princeton and Columbia Universities was financed by lotteries, as was the University of Pennsylvania by the Academy Lottery in 1755.**

**During the French and Indian Wars, several colonies used lotteries to help finance fortifications and their local militia. In May 1758, the State of Massachusetts raised money with a lottery for the "Expedition against Canada".**

**Benjamin Franklin organized a lottery to raise money to purchase cannon for the defense of Philadelphia. Several of these lotteries offered prizes in the form of "Pieces of Eight". George Washington's Mountain Road Lottery in 1768 was unsuccessful, but these rare lottery tickets bearing Washington's signature became collectors' items; one example sold for about \$15,000 in 2007. Washington was also a manager for Col. Bernard Moore's "Slave Lottery" in 1769, which advertised land and slaves as prizes in The Virginia Gazette.**

**At the outset of the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress used lotteries to raise money to support the Colonial Army. Alexander Hamilton wrote that lotteries should be kept simple, and that "Everybody ... will be willing to hazard a trifling sum for the chance of considerable gain ... and would prefer a small chance of winning a great deal to a great chance of winning little". Taxes had never been accepted as a way to raise public funding for projects, and this led to the popular belief that lotteries were a form of hidden tax.**

**At the end of the Revolutionary War the various states had to resort to lotteries to raise funds for numerous public projects.**

**Avoid gaming. This is a vice which is productive of every possible evil; equally injurious to the morals and health of its votaries. It is the child of avarice, the brother of iniquity, and father of mischief. It has been the ruin of many worthy families, the loss of many a man's honor, and the cause of Suicide. To all those who enter the lists, it is equally fascinating. The successful gamester pushes his good fortune, till it is overtaken by a reverse. The losing gamester, in hopes of retrieving past misfortunes, goes on from bad to worse, till grown desperate he pushes at everything and loses his all. In a word, few gain by this abominable practice, (the profit if any being diffused) while thousands are injured. However, he himself kept a full diary of his own winnings and loses.**

**President Washington himself bought the first lottery ticket to build the new capital called Federal City, now known as Washington, D.C. So our nation was founded on a lottery, the**

**Revolution was financed by a lottery, and our capital city was financed by a lottery.**

**From 1790 to 1860, twenty-four of the thirty-six states sponsored government-run lotteries. And many schools, universities, colleges, hundreds of churches conducted their own lotteries to raise funds for their own buildings.**

**The Catholic Church to this very day has had an uninterrupted interest in gambling and in lotteries to finance its operations.**

### **GEORGE WASHINGTON**

**This episode was not the last use of lotteries to benefit the colonies. All 13 original colonies established lotteries, usually more than one, to raise revenue. Playing the lottery became a civic responsibility.<sup>6</sup> Proceeds helped establish some of the nation's earliest and most prestigious universities -- Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Dartmouth, Princeton, and William and Mary. Lottery funds were also used to build churches and libraries. Ben Franklin, John Hancock, and George Washington were all prominent sponsors of specific lotteries for public works projects.**

**The attack against gambling was focused particularly on lotteries because it represented a form of wagering that was offensive to both the moral sensibilities of reformers, and the Jacksonian resentment toward privilege.<sup>11</sup> The exclusive charters granted to lottery operations were examples of this form of privilege. Ironically, President Jackson was an inveterate gambler<sup>12</sup> and had such a history of problems that he must be viewed as a likely addictive or compulsive gambler. His gambling was well-known but tended to be seen as the behavior of a gentleman, hence he was reserved the disapprobation held for commercial gamblers.**

**Lottery Scandals Led to Gambling Prohibition. As noted earlier, lottery for the beautification of the nation's capital ended in scandal with the operators absconding with the proceeds. This incident illustrated the problems with the lotteries of that time as many were crooked. Increasing evidence of fraud and**

dishonesty in the operations of lotteries added to the opposition.  
**13 An additional argument was that they corrupted the free press and made them captive to their huge demand for advertising.**

### **GAMBLING PROHIBITION MOVED IN FOR SOME YEARS AND THEY WENT UNDERGROUND THEN NEW HAMPSHIRE BROUGHT IT BACK**

**And public gambling at any level was stopped cold at that time because John Wannemaker(?) who was famous for the department store in Philadelphia but was quite a noble Christian, was the Postmaster General of the United States and an evangelical and he barred, quote: "All letters, parcels, postcards, circulars, lists of drawings, tickets and other materials referring to lotteries from the mail." And so gambling came to a halt in 1894. And between 1894 and 1964 there was no government-sponsored gambling in America**

**Growing opposition to tax increases was a leading factor in establishing state-run lotteries in the 20th century. In 1964 New Hampshire was the first state to sponsor a lottery, followed by New York in 1967. New Jersey launched the first financially successful modern lottery in 1971. The New Jersey lottery was successful because it stressed frequent action at low cost, and it returned a higher percentage of lottery revenues as prizes. There were also various attempts to legalize a national lottery, but they failed to be passed by Congress.**

**By 1995 studies indicate 95 percent of Americans gambled, 82 percent play the lotteries, 75 percent play slot machines, 50 percent bet on dogs and horses, 44 percent on cards, 34 percent on bingo, 26 percent, that's better than one out of four, on sporting events, 74 percent frequent casinos and 89 percent approved of gambling.**

### **NOW LETS GET INTO THE BIBLICAL CASE AGAINST GAMBLING AND PLAYING THE LOTTO**

- 1. Christians who gamble do not trust the Sovereign Lord for what they have or what they need but put their trust in luck or chance**
- 2. Fortuna (Latin: Fortūna, equivalent to the Greek goddess Tyche) was the goddess of fortune and personification of luck in Roman religion. She might bring good or bad luck: she could be represented as veiled and blind, as in modern depictions of Justice, and came to represent life's capriciousness. She was also a goddess of fate: as Atrox Fortuna, she claimed the young lives of the princeps Augustus' grandsons Gaius and Lucius, prospective heirs to the Empire.**  
**[1]**
- 3. "Lots being mentioned in the sacred oracles of Scripture are used only in weighty cases and as an acknowledgement of God sitting in judgment and cannot be made the tools and parts of our common sports without at least such as appearance of evil as is forbidden in the Word of God," end quote.**
- 4. At no time, mark this down, in the using of those lots was anyone ever putting something to risk. The use of those lots was not costing anyone anything so it was not a gambling use of lots. Furthermore, Proverbs 16:33 is the key verse that defines all of this. ."**
- 5. Proverbs 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof [is] of the LORD.**
- 6. Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.**
- 7. Proverbs 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.**
- 8. Proverbs 3:7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.**
- 9. Proverbs 3:8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.**
- 10. Proverbs 3:9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:**
- 11. Proverbs 3:10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.**
- 12. You are trusting in a lotto ticket for wealth not the Lord who owns the cattle on a thousand hills the wealth in every mile**

13. If you are gambling you are not acknowledging the Lord in all your ways but turning to luck and chance and the misfortune of others to make you a fortune
14. Do I trust that God will provide for me and he has me where he wants me to be that he is actually in charge or do I put my life to chance to trust in that more . That the lottery and others things are better then hard work and dedication
15. Which brings us the next sin of gambling
16. THOU SHALT NOT COVET
17. To desire inordinately; to desire that which it is unlawful to obtain or possess; in a bad sense.
18. Paul tells us the good covet is too covet gifts from God, gifts of the spirit .
19. Exodus 20:17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that [is] thy neighbour's.
20. Proverbs 28:16 The prince that wanteth understanding [is] also a great oppressor: [but] he that hateth covetousness shall prolong [his] days.
21. Jeremiah 6:13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one [is] given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.
22. Luke 12:15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.
23. Luke 12:16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:
24. Luke 12:17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?
25. Luke 12:18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.
26. Luke 12:19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, [and] be merry.
27. Luke 12:20 But God said unto him, [Thou] fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

**28. Luke 12:21** So [is] he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

**29. Romans 1:29** Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

**30.1 Corinthians 5:10** Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

**31. Ephesians 5:3** But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

### **THE NEXT COMMAND BROKEN IS THE LOVE OF MONEY**

**1. 1 Timothy 6:10** For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

**2. The bible says if you love money you are breaking Gods commands . Because the love of money is the root of all evil**

**3. Why movies stars? why hollywood? why rock music? why gambling and the lottery?**

**4. the love of money the root of all evil**

**5. they love it they desire it they covet after it and it destroys them**

**6. Look at these people who won the lottery and are they happy no will they every be no - they are pierced through with many sorrows**

**7. They pierce themselves through with many sorrows**

**8. Those who chase after riches yes many sorrows self inflicted sorrows**

**9. Proverbs 11:28** He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

**10. Proverbs 30:8** Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me:

**11. Proverbs 30:9** Lest I be full, and deny [thee], and say, Who [is] the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God [in vain].

**12. David understood what the Love of money would do to a man and how it would destroy him .**

## **GAMBLING BREAKS THE PRINCIPLES OF STEWARDSHIP**

- 1. 1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.**
- 2. Matthew 25:20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.**
- 3. Matthew 25:21 His lord said unto him, Well done, [thou] good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.**
- 4. Matthew 25:22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.**
- 5. Matthew 25:23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.**
- 6. Matthew 25:24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:**
- 7. Matthew 25:25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, [there] thou hast [that is] thine.**
- 8. Matthew 25:26 His lord answered and said unto him, [Thou] wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:**
- 9.**
- 10. Matthew 25:27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and [then] at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.**
- 11. Matthew 25:28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give [it] unto him which hath ten talents.**
- 12. This man was a lazy and unprofitable servant he didn't do anything and it was taken away from him what he had**
- 13. How much so those that gamble and squander what the Lord has given them**
- 14. They are not good stewards WHICH BRING us to our next point**

## **GAMBLING DISCOURAGES HARD WORK AND EARNING OUR WAY**

- 1. “Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase” (Proverbs 13:11).**
- 2. That's not the message of the lottery**
- 3. No the message of gambling and the lottery is who wants to work hard play lotto**
- 4. What is the first thing everyone says if they won the lotto they would do**
- 5. They would retire. Why would you want to retire ?**
- 6. God has ordained work for a man**
- 7. Work is not a punishment . hard work is a blessing from God**
- 8. Adam was not punished in the garden with working , no the ground was cursed**
- 9. Genesis 3:17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed [is] the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat [of] it all the days of thy life;**
- 10. Genesis 3:18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;**
- 11. Genesis 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou [art], and unto dust shalt thou return.**
- 12. 2 Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.**
- 13. 2 Thessalonians 3:11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.**
- 14. 2 Thessalonians 3:12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.**
- 15. Gambling and the Lotto says buy the tickets, You know how many welfare recipients play lotto ? and gamble**
- 16. How many poor old ladies cash their SS checks at the casino**
- 17. I know I use to gamble and hang out with those that did**
- 18. I traveled with a pretty high roller before I was saved**
- 19. He would get free hotel rooms at the casino and lie to his wife about gambling and where he was**

- 20. Another friend of my fathers his wife had to go back to work to pay of thousands of dollars of debt she stole from her husband to gamble away**
- 21. She and the other man had to be put on list and barred from entering in so they would not squander away all of their families money**
- 22. Gambling discourages hard work but is a get rich scheme**

### **GAMBLING IS REVENUE OF THE WICKED-TAKES FROM POOR TO MAKE OTHERS RICH**

- 1. THE Bible says thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself**
- 2. How am I loving my neighbor if I am participating in something that is contributing to them being poor**
- 3. How many little old ladies and poor people on welfare are seduced by the lottery and never win it**
- 4. There is a 1 14 millionth of a chance to even place on it**
- 5. How could I as a believer in Christ be a part of something that is scamming money from people and feeding their addictions to it**
- 6. It takes money from others. It strips families of resources. It increases debt. It leads to poverty. It leads to suicide. Twenty percent of addictive gamblers have attempted suicide and the suicide rate of the spouses of compulsive gamblers is 150 times the national average. Gambling is pursuing prosperity at another's expense, exploiting the poor and the undisciplined. Teaches greed, covetousness, and attacks the ethics of hard work, saving, self-denial,**
- 7. gambling will seduce others and before they know it they are headlong into it**

**I can never look upon dice except with abhorrence. If you ask me why; I reply,—**

**Because the soldiers at the foot of the cross threw dice for my Saviour's garments,  
and I have never heard the rattling of dice but I have conjured up the dreadful scene  
of Christ upon his cross, and gamblers at the foot of it, with their dice bespattered  
with his blood. I do not hesitate to say that, of all sins, there is none that more surely**

**damns men, and, worse than that, makes them the devil's help to  
damn others, than  
gambling. SPURGEON**

**That part of the appendix which has made the most impression upon our mind is the list of suicides of whom, in less than three years, twenty had been recorded in Monte Carlo and the region near at hand. Deaths by pistol shots, hanging, placing the head upon the railway, and casting one's-self from a rock make up the principal items of the ghastly list. A commercial traveler coming on business to Mentone went to Monaco. As usual, he just put down a five-franc piece. His own money soon went. That of his employer followed, and there he was! He could not bear the disgrace, and, therefore, putting a pistol to his head he rushed, at the early age of thirty, unbidden, into the presence of his Maker, a self-murderer. Another poor wretch, before taking his own life, wrote these words on a blank leaf—"Monaco, thou wilt yet slay many others!" A third, who destroyed himself with a pistol, wrote upon a photograph of the casino these words—"House of perdition, fit only to be burned!" In sight of the blood-stained halls of Monte Carlo we are constrained to join in the verdict of the unhappy victim.**

**In the case which happened on March 25, 1876, a gentleman had lost his all at roulette, and blew his brains out near the casino itself: the remarks made by certain frequenters of the rooms contained no pity for their wretched fellow-creature, but expressed the refinement of their manners—"Poor Y \_\_\_\_\_ showed a shocking want of taste in killing himself so near the salon. He might have gone a little further off." No sin hardens the heart like gambling. Inhumanity is only a natural result of it. The play burns the heart, and dries up the milk of human kindness. While it renders a man weary of ordinary labor, for he fancies he has found a swifter road to riches, it makes him fit for any villainy and vice. It arouses covetousness, creates a selfish excitement, unfits for duty, and prepares for every iniquity. Need we say more against it? Can more be said?**

**Surgeon said in his time they used the finest bands and acts to lure people into the casino and that is the same as we have today. I HATE GAMBLING AND THE GOD OF THE BIBLE IS AGAINST IT**

**Many such persons, as I believe, only want a word of warning. Tell them of the remorse, shame, misery, and ruin which Monte Carlo is daily working; tell them of the separations which it causes in families between son and father, between husband and wife; tell them of the deceit and other vices which gambling fosters; tell them of characters which at the start of life gave promise of a good and useful career, but now are wrecked beyond recovery; tell them how the plague spreads from place to place, how the excitement pursues and haunts its victim, how it draws together the very scum of society; tell them it is the respectable, who are the real supporters of Monte Carlo, and that without their patronage the establishment would become bankrupt; and, if they have ears to hear and hearts to understand, they will restrain their curiosity, practice a little self-denial, and in spite of the attractions which Monte Carlo offers, they will not only abstain from going themselves, but will endeavor by personal influence to prevent others from going. What is wanted of us all is that we should endeavor to form a healthy and righteous public opinion on the subject of gambling, draw away the veil which hides its guilt, and exhibit it to our congregations in its real deformity."**

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