

**Don't be obsessed with the riches of this world and neglect to prepare for eternity.**

Hebrews 9:27 *"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"*

Mark 8:36 *"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"*

Romans 10:9 *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."*

If this tract has helped you to receive Jesus Christ, please write to us, so that we may rejoice with you.

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# What Do I Have To Lose?



Some people consider gambling a harmless form of entertainment and for others, it is the way they hope to become independently wealthy. Gambling is practiced in a wide variety of ways but can be easily identified by asking the question, **"What do I have to lose?"** If you have anything at all to lose, even the smallest investment, then it is gambling! Many wager, not only money, but their cars and homes as well. It may be a bet on the next Superbowl game, a raffle or lottery ticket, or a trip to the casino for higher stakes.

Gambling is sin and is always motivated by either pride or money. Proverbs 16:18-19 *"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud."* 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."* If you gamble, I would like you to consider for a moment, that you have more to lose than you may realize.

**You could lose your financial security.** Rarely has anyone ever wagered their life savings when they gambled for the first time, but countless have lost it all, as they continued to raise the stakes higher and higher. Many no longer want to work but are constantly seeking some get rich quick scheme. God wants man to work for his provision. Proverbs 13:11 *"Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase."*

**You could lose your family.** Only God knows how many families have been destroyed by the sin of gambling. Husbands and wives have lost their homes, divorced, and precious children have gone without food and clothing, as many throw away their pay checks weekly on the lottery and video poker machines. 1 Timothy 5:8 *"But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."* Proverbs 13:22 *"A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just."*

**You could lose your life.** The excitement of becoming instantly rich has seduced its victims into making bets that they cannot possibly pay. This has cost some their lives as they found themselves indebted to organized crime. Many turn to crime as a way to pay their debt. Some even commit suicide.

**You could lose your own soul.** No, gambling won't send you to hell, but it is a symptom of the sin problem! It is evidence that we are all sinners before a holy God, and sin must be paid for. Jesus Christ paid that penalty for you, that you might be saved. Romans 5:8 *"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."* He offers the gift of eternal life to all who will repent, believe the gospel, and receive His dear Son as their Lord and Savior. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 *"...Christ died for our sins... And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"*