

# IS GAMBLING A SIN?

## I. Definition of Gambling

- A. Properly defined, gambling is wagering something of value on the chance outcome of an event wherein there is a winner and a loser. Because of this definition, the normal risks of life do not fall into the category of gambling.
- B. Gambling is more than simply taking a risk.

## II. The Dangers of Gambling

- A. If you search the Bible, you will not find a passage that explicitly states, “Thou shalt not gamble.”
- B. But neither will one find passages that explicitly forbid arson, abusing drugs, kidnaping, or counterfeiting.
- C. So, what we must do is address this topic through biblical principles.
  - 1. Gambling often appeals to greed and covetousness (Luke 12:15; 1 Timothy 6:9-10).
  - 2. Gambling is selfish. Gamblers win at the direct economic loss of others (Rom 13:10).
  - 3. Gambling is contrary to honest work and responsible stewardship (Eph 4:28; 1 Cor. 4:1-2).
  - 4. Gambling is highly addictive (Galatians 5:23).
  - 5. Gambling is worldly (Romans 12:2; I John 2:15-17).

## Conclusion:

- 1. Is gambling an appropriate activity in which a Christian ought to engage? I wouldn't bet on it!
- 2. Brethren, let's live above the world. Don't lower the bar, but excel to a higher standard of living that brings honor to Christ.