

Gambling and Money

The Bible does not say gambling is wrong and it can be fun, but we should be careful with our money and resources. 1 Timothy 6:10 CJB says, "For the love of money is a root of all the evils; because of this craving, some people have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves to the heart with many pains."

Notice it doesn't say that money is evil. It says that the love of money can cause us to lose our faith. Gambling and obsessive drive for riches can cause us to put all our time and energy into things (or into the excitement of gambling) instead of the proper use of our money and using some of our time and resources for God. Some end up not spending time with their family. Excessive drive for money can cause some to sin.

While some people win money gambling, most lose money because the odds are fixed in favor of the people who provide these services. Note how big and beautiful these gambling establishments are. It is not a wise use of our resources. I personally know of someone who wasted his paycheck on gambling instead of taking care of his family. We should be wise how we do things (Eph. 5:15-17) and also put God first.

Also, squandering your resources and making things your god is wrong. How many cars do we need? Being wealthy is a great opportunity to be generous with our money. It is not wrong to have riches, but it is wrong to not be generous with them when we have the ability to do so. Yeshua (Jesus) gave credit to the woman that gave a small sum, but didn't have much to give. God sees if we are being generous or not. Mark 12:41-44. Also putting yourself into great debt so that you have to spend all your time working to pay bills is not wise. We need to spend time with our family and with other believers as well.

Be wise with your time, money, and resources:

"Happy the person who finds wisdom, the person who acquires understanding; for her profit exceeds that of silver, gaining her is better than gold;" Proverbs 3:13-14 CJB.

"Gain wisdom, gain insight; don't forget or turn from the words I am saying. Don't abandon [wisdom]; then she will preserve you; love her, and she will protect you;" Proverbs 4:5-6 CJB.