Gambling An Addiction of Money

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INTRODUCTION

- Addiction is simply when a natural desire becomes perverted. It becomes a desire that overwhelms an individual.
- For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed the faith in their greediness and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.
- Gambling is a symptom of addiction. It's a symptom of our world's addiction to money.

1 Gambling Is Covetous in Nature

Exodus 20:17; Luke 12:15; Colossians 3:5

- You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.
- Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.
- And gambling is simply obtaining what belongs to another. That's the sole objective in gambling.
- Why would you allow me to quote unquote win your money? Why is it different? Is the desire, is the motivation behind all four of those things not the same?
- Therefore, put to death your members which are on the earth. Fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

2 Gambling Lacks Love

1 Corinthians 13:5; Romans 13:9–10

- He describes love as being that which does not seek its own. That you're not always consumed with what you can have. That you are now thinking of others.
- And I want you to think what if you win? Where does the money come from?
- It's not the rich who are out there spending their hard-earned money on the lottery. It is the poor.
- Who would you win it from? You'd win it from the poor. You'd win it from the young.
- So the question is: should the poor pay for the education of the rich?
- Love does not harm to a neighbor, therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

3 Completely Foreign to God's Intent for Man

Genesis 2:15; Ephesians 4:28; Hebrews 13:5

- The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. Work. It has always been God's intent that man work for what he has.
- Let him who stole steal no longer. Rather, let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

- But we must also consider that we work for God.
- Our possessions are to honor God. What we have is to honor God.
- Let your conduct be without covetousness. Be content with such things as you have. For he himself has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We must take seriously what God has given to us. We must take seriously even the natural desires that we have. We must not let sin reign in our bodies.**

MY NOTES