

## Win Every Time!

*“Gambling: The sure way of getting nothing from something.”*

~Wilson Mizner

What do Las Vegas, Macau, Atlantic City, Mississippi and Connecticut all have in common? According to [casinocitytimes.com](http://casinocitytimes.com), they're all part of the top 10 worldwide gambling destinations. Bright lights, easy money, and hopes of winning big entices an excess of 100 billion Americans to this toxic industry which destroys families, shatters dreams, and in severe instances, steals lives. Sounds like how Satan's described in John 10:10 doesn't it?

The American Gaming Association's gross gambling revenue data reports the industry grossed \$92.3 billion in 2007. These figures, which include the amounts wagered, minus the winnings returned to players, don't include the \$25.8 billion generated by the fast-growing online gambling industry ([americangaming.org](http://americangaming.org)).

These are just numbers to some; however to me, these numbers represent precious people who've placed their hope in the gambling system, as opposed to the Kingdom of God's system.

Dictionary.com defines gambling as "an act or undertaking of uncertain outcome; a risk." The question I pose to you to ponder is this: Why gamble in the world, when Jesus is a sure win? Gambling is a game of chance, which means it comes with a risk. Yes, you might win sometimes but I guarantee that most of the time and in the end, you will lose. The above gaming association figures support this fact. Do you think they walk away with \$92.3 billion because they're losing? I think not. It's gamblers who lose! But

that's not how God designed it to be with His people. You don't have to gamble and place your fate in luck; He's called you to win every time.

You know I believe that God wants all His children to live a happy and prosperous life where they can comfortably get everything they want and need. However, we cannot allow an unnatural desire for money and material things to get us outside of the will of God. First Timothy 6:10 talks about how the love of money, or the wrong relationship with money, is root or source of all evil. Notice it doesn't say money is the root of evil; it says the love of money is.

Everyone wants to have enough money to live well, travel and take care of their family and expenses. But when we lust after or have an inordinate desire for money, or really anything, it will be that very lust that destroys us. That's why God tells us not to seek things, but to seek Him first (Matthew 6:33). When we seek God, He will add the things we want and need to our lives; but we will be destroyed when we seek things.

If you want to know how to live a comfortable life as it relates to finances, I can give you the answer right now—discover the will of God for your life. Your abundance is tied into the very thing that God has called you to. Yet so many people try to find shortcuts and ways around doing what God has called them to do because oftentimes what God has called them to do requires work. Proverbs 14:23 says, “In all labour there is profit ....” There is a reward for your labor, but not enough people are willing to labor. They think they should just name it and claim it. That's not how it works. Trust me.

We've got to liberate ourselves from the jackpot mentality that says we can obtain success without work. Vince Lombardi said it best: *"The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary."*

Hear my heart on this. The Kingdom of God's system works, if you'll work it; but God is not a magician and the Bible is not a book of magic tricks. Just because you pray over your finances doesn't mean God's going to drop money out the sky. God operates by the principles He set in motion before the foundation of the world. When you pray, you'll get wisdom, enlightenment and favor. Then, when you activate your faith by working, wisdom, enlightenment and favor will produce money and whatever else you need.

Deuteronomy 28 talks about how God blesses the work of your hands. It is through that blessing that you are empowered to have abundance (Deuteronomy 8); but notice again that everything hinges upon you. What are you going to do? Are you going to keep hitting up the casino and buying scratch-offs where you might win a little here and there, but ultimately lose? Or are you going to get involved in God's system and set yourself up for the lifetime win?

I love you, and I am sharing this insight with you because I want you to win every time. Today, I implore you to get rid of the scratch-offs, lotto tickets, side bets, and every other get-rich-quick scheme you can think of. Your financial future is much too important for God to trust it in a gambling system that's based on luck, or accidental good fortune. He wants you win every time and on purpose because you trust and put your faith, finances and future in Him. After all, why gamble and put your faith in luck when you can put your faith in God and win every time?