

Gamblin Gout



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WATCH OUT FOR THE GOUT

'GOUT' - a disturbance of body metabolism, causing a build up of uric acid salts around the joints, thereby resulting in swelling and severe pain.

'METABOLISM' - the breaking down of assimilated food to produce energy for vital body processes.

****What better way to describe gambling,** which disturbs and disrupts the material and emotional well-being of an individual or home, robbing such of the needed resources (food) to truly provide (energy) for a healthy, productive life (vital resources).

And in gambling, everybody loses no matter who "appears" to win. For the one who "thinks" they've won some money, THOSE winnings came from someone else who LOST THEIR money earlier, including the said "winner" (?). Many times it's been admitted that it was bill, grocery, or clothing money that was lost. More than once the media has revealed how a successful lawyer or other business man lost everything because of gambling debts. Can one REALLY say they won at such cost to others? **Enough of such reasoning! Enter God's Word....**

Bible Study

#1- Gambling "wealth" isn't derived from good ole' work and is therefore short-lived!

Proverbs 14:23 - "In all labour there is profit..." **Proverbs 13:11** - "Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase."

#2 - Gambling is a "get-rich-quick" scheme, which isn't God's plan!

Proverbs 23:4,5 - "Labour not to be rich...."; "Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven." Instead, God's plan is found in **Matthew 6:33**, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

#3 - Gambling will only result in a nagging, persistent guilt that no amount of money can wash away!

Proverbs 28:20 - "...he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent." Even just-for-fun players cannot separate themselves from the damage they "contribute" to other's lives by their participation and patronage to gambling. One casino displayed their expected operational statement in a local newspaper. In that statement they only gave their expected winnings (\$56 per patron), not their losses. **Gambling establishments are playing people for silly fools for every dollar they spend, actually expecting to come out a winner in the end....an end which never comes!**

Obviously this issues among many Christians today which spark great debates and are the cause of many "profound words of deep wisdom" which attempt to surpass the absolute authority of God's Word. All of this in an effort to straddle the fence because of fear of what others will say or simply a passion to satisfy their own fleshly lusts. Yet God's Word proclaims in **I Corinthians 10:31**, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Every child of God must remember who they are and WHO owns them, as in **I Corinthians 6:20**, "...for ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

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