



## Does God Care: If I Gamble?

**Matthew 25:14-30**

### Discussion Questions for July 5th, 2026

1. IceBreaker) What is the biggest prize you've ever won, such as in a raffle or March Madness-style competition?
2. God Cares If We Gamble Because...
  - a. It can be addictive
  - b. It can involve covetousness
  - c. It can waste God's money
  - d. It can replace hard work
  - e. It preys on the poor
  - f. It can distract you from your mission
  - g. It can distract from eternity
3. When you hear the word "gambling," what immediately comes to mind? Has your perspective on it been shaped more by personal experience, family, culture, or Scripture?
4. The Bible never says, "Thou shalt not gamble." However, there are principles that can be absorbed and applied. How could each of these passages give us wisdom about gambling?
  - a. Proverbs 13:11
  - b. Proverbs 28:20
  - c. 1 Timothy 6:9-10
  - d. Hebrews 13:5
5. Of the 7 points made in the sermon, which stood out to you the most? Why?
6. Pastor Shaen mentioned 1 Corinthians 6:12 which says, "All things are lawful for me, but I will not be dominated by anything." Besides gambling, what are some activities or habits that can begin as harmless recreation but

eventually gain too much control over a person's life?

7. Imagine a person betting on the roulette wheel, and as it spins he says, "I'll let the universe decide!" Is this a form of misplaced worship, looking to chance or the Fates to control our future rather than God? Why or why not?
8. Lotteries are often controlled by states who then put some of the profits into public programs like infrastructure or education. How would you answer someone who points to this and argues that lotteries are good for society?
9. If you're in a group with high trust and confidentiality, share with one another how the Lord is speaking to you about gambling. Will you make some minor adjustments? Any need for a more fundamental shift?
10. Pray together that our unfinished brothers and sisters hearing this topic will surrender to the will of God, wherever that takes them. Pray that our friends and family will make wise decisions to invest their finances in what truly matters.