



The Bible and Gambling

While the Scriptures do not specifically include the word gambling, the Biblical case against gaming is clear.

Consider the fruits caused by and associated with gambling:

- Poverty, neglect of families, quarreling, and divorce
- Anger, lying, hatred, and even murder
- Drugs, alcoholism and addiction
- Corrupting Influence on government
- Suicide



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Biblical principles in conflict with gambling:

PRINCIPLE OF STEWARDSHIP

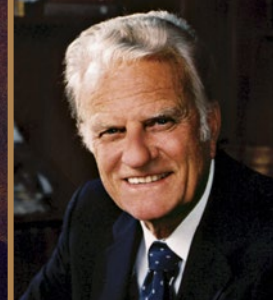
Luke 16:1,2 - Instead of using the Master’s possessions for the intended purpose, the unfaithful steward wastes them or risks losing them for selfish purposes. This is exactly what the gambler does [Matthew 25:14-30].

PROHIBITION OF COVETOUSNESS

Deuteronomy 5:21 - Gambling is mutual covetousness like dueling is mutual attempted murder. In dueling, each person agrees to let the other person try to kill him in exchange for the opportunity to try to kill the other person. But killing would still be unauthorized regardless of the agreement [Romans 13:8-10].

PROMOTION OF OTHERS

Philippians 2:4 - We should seek, not just our own interests, but the interests of others. Gambling, by its nature, is selfish and self-seeking [1 Corinthians 13:5].



Presidents and Preachers knew the destructive force of gambling...

“This is a vice [gambling] which is productive of every possible evil, equally injurious to the morals and health of its votaries. It is the child of avarice, the brother of inequity, and father of mischief.”

—George Washington

“Gaming corrupts our disposition and teaches us a habit of hostility against all mankind.”

—Thomas Jefferson

“I do not hesitate to say that, of all sins, there is none that more surely damns men, and, worse than that, makes them the devil’s help to damn others, than gambling.”

—Charles Spurgeon

“For the believer in Jesus Christ, there should be no appeal to take part in gambling...Anyone seeking to do God’s will should not be involved in gambling.”

—Billy Graham

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