

## **Bible Verses on Gambling**

Exodus 20:3 “Do not have other gods besides Me”

Exodus 20:15 “Do not steal”

Exodus 20:17 “Do not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor”

Proverbs 1:19 “Such are the paths of all who pursue gain dishonestly; it takes the lives of those who profit from it”

Proverbs 15: 27 “The one who profits dishonestly troubles his household...”

Proverbs 21: 25-26 “A slacker’s craving will kill him because his hands refuse to work. He is filled with craving all day long...”

Proverbs 28: 25 “A greedy person promotes conflict...”

Jeremiah 6: 13 “For from the least to the greatest of them, everyone is gaining profit unjustly”

Matthew 6: 19-21, 24 “Don’t collect for yourselves treasures on earth...”; “No one can be a slave to two masters...”

Romans 14: 21 “Don’t do anything that makes your brother stumble”

Ephesians 4:28 “He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good...”

Philippians 2:3-4 “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.”

Philippians 4:11-13 “Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”

1 Thessalonians 5:22 “Abstain from every form of evil.”

2 Thessalonians 3:6-12 “Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from every brother who leads an unruly life and not according to the tradition which you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we kept working night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you; not because we do not have the right to this, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, so that you would follow our example. For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either, For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread.”

1 Timothy 5:8 “But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

1 Timothy 6:10 “For the love of money is the root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”

Mark 8:36 “For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?”

1 John 2:16 “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.”

**The following statement is on our web site from the Richard Land’s office (ERLC)...**

“While the Bible contains no “thou shalt not” in regards to gambling, it does have many insights and principles which indicate that gambling is wrong. For example, the Bible emphasizes the sovereignty of God over human events (Mt. 10:29-30); whereas gambling looks to chance and luck. The Bible indicates that man is to work creatively and use his possessions for the good of others (Eph. 4:28); gambling fosters a something-for-nothing attitude. The Bible calls for careful stewardship; gambling calls for reckless abandon. The Bible condemns covetousness and materialism (Mt. 6:24-34); gambling has both at its heart. The moral thrust of the Bible is love for God and neighbor (Mt. 22:37-40); gambling seeks personal gain and pleasure at another person’s loss and pain.”