

Words Of a Witness Ministries
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\$16.00 A Person

The month of September, 1998, each person whether they played or not, averaged \$16.00 a person; spent, wasted, gambled or bet in the Connecticut's Foxwood, Gambling Casino's, **SLOT MACHINES!!!!** This is according to this morning's radio announcements on the Catholic Radio Station, KJNJ, 88.9 FM.

And, in the next hour's news, the same radio station broadcast that Hartford School District has been filed on with intent to evict for failure to pay rent, back rent and utilities in some of the buildings they rent. They owe the owner; according to the radio stations news broadcast the sum of \$230,000. **JUST THE NEWS!!!**

\$54,000,000 was made last month, September, just on slot machines, in the Foxwood Casinos. The State of Connecticut will receive for their share of the slot's revenue money, **\$17,000,000!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** This is just for the month of September!!! **WOW!**

Of the 3,400,000 population of Connecticut, this averages out to almost \$16.00 per person; man, woman and child, for September alone!!! This was, according to the news, a **2% INCREASE FROM THIS MONTH A YEAR AGO!!!**

Of the **1,200,000** households in Connecticut, this averages almost **\$50.00 a month** for each house. Granted, this is not all from Connecticut's residents, but the amount is still staggering to me!!!

Even if **50%** of the population of Connecticut did not gamble, and no one from out of state came in, this would mean the remaining **600,000 households** or the **1,700,000 population**, spent, **NO WASTED!!!!** \$100.00 per household or \$32.00 each, the month of September, just on **SLOT MACHINES!!!!** **What about the other so called features the Casinos offer? How much was spent on these so-called 'entertainments'?????**

There has been a whole said about gambling by the populous; whether, it is wrong to do so in God's eyes and is against His commandments. There are no exact wordings on gambling, per se; there were even times, when in the Bible, decisions were made by casting lots. The ones' against gambling or the one's for gambling, each have, and can, I'm sure, quote their own individual scripture or scriptures to argue their points. I have been asked to find out, in the scriptures, if gambling is right or wrong. I have not forgotten Dwayne; I haven't been prompted by the Holy Spirit of God to do so. No answers have come to me on this topic for this whole year, since you asked me to find out for you.

In black and white, a straight forward commandment from God, on forbidding the act of gambling, there is none! **THIS DOES NOT, ALTHOUGH; NECESSARILY MAKE IT RIGHT OR WRONG!!!**

The people that gamble, it is their choice to do so; as is, it is our choice not to do so. Me, I have been a gambler, but I am not now; and I feel, at least, I can or I am, qualified to have these words to say about it.

I was young, I did not know Christ, God or about the Holy Spirit, which now directs my life. Personally, I feel, and this is just my feelings, that the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, would never lead a person to gamble his or her money away. To those of you who are Church goers and are Christians that **DO GAMBLE** and you say that the Lord doesn't care and that it is OK for you to do so; it is your choice, your own fate through God's judgments. **It is not for me to condemn**. It is for me to stand strong in my convictions and be a witness of the Glory of God.

If I, since the Holy Spirit leads me, took money and tried to make more money through chance and gambling, I would not be in the care of my Lord. I would not be trusting God to take care of me; I would be trying to help Him out, trying to make it happen; i.e., my own self, by my own self ... by the fast dollar schemes of man's own self programming and cunning.

I still did not know God when I quit gambling; but, it was my decision to do so, because I saw no good from it, no benefits, just a loss of my money I had earned. **DO NOT GET ME WRONG**, I did not loose money, I was

on the winning side; my income in school, before and right after I started working, was from different forms of gambling and wagering. My income was highly enhanced by man's form of his self care programming and his own cunning devices. I didn't have to take from my wages, money for food or bills or from family, to pay my gambling addiction. Only once, I can remember of this happening, and it was very sobering to me.

Life is hard enough for most people just to hang on and to survive, much less having to concern themselves with man inflicted punishments. God tells us to tithe 10%, and to give offerings above the tithe when we have it or are led to do this by the Holy Spirit. **THIS IS NOT A COMMANDMENT**, but; if we do not do this, regardless if we gamble or not, this is breaking God's laws. **TITHE** means 10%, a tenth of everything increased to you, belongs to God, right up front, **FIRST!** *“And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord.”* Leviticus 27:30. *“Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.”* Deuteronomy 14:22. *“And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly.”* 2 Chronicles 31:5.

In Luke, Jesus speaks of tithe, in 11:42 this way, when He says, *“But woe unto you, Pharisees! For ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.”*

If you are gambling and not paying your tithes, or taking from you full income the amount for tithes, money used to gamble with; it is breaking God's commandments and **God would not tell you to do so**, and, **and that it is OK to do it!!!**

God gives us, as it says, our increase in our seed, our flocks and now our wages we earn. He cares for us either by the wages we earn, or by our faith, in our faith walk with Him. In my case, my faith walk with Him, He is my Provider and Keeper. I couldn't, by God's commandments, be righteous

if I took what money I had which He provided for me and gambled it away even after I had paid my tithes first. I would not be, ***“And He said also unto His disciples, there was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. And he called him, and said unto him, how is it that I hear this of thee? Give account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward. Then the steward said within himself, what shall I do? For my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.”*** Luke 16:1-3. As I said, I would not be a good steward of what I was given to be in care of, I am ashamed. If I took what God had given to me to be a steward, today it is my wages and my livelihood, and not used it wisely, but foolishly, I would be the fool. ***“The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.”*** Psalm 14:1. And ***“The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.”*** Proverbs 10:8. So ***“It is as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom.”*** Proverbs 10:23. For ***“He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.”*** Proverbs 11:29. Because ***“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.”*** Proverbs 12:15. So now ***“Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.”*** 1 Corinthians 3:18.

Casting lots, or, the term gambling today, is mentioned both as a con and as an every day happening in the Bible. Stealing from God, if you're gambling takes away from what is God's in tithes and offerings, or being a good steward, or from His time, or from His Deity, then the laws of God become broken and His commandments are judged by Him of your righteousness and or of your unrighteousness!!!!

God's time, which we owe Him a tenth of also, is our commandment. God's Deity, which we, if the gambling becomes our god and our ruler of our time and possessions and patronage, His Deity becomes broken of us also.

Just because others do it, is no reason or an excusable act, for you to do it also. God's first commandment to mankind is in strong jeopardy by reason of the task master's whip???! Bondage to the task master, denying God to the death in hell, your death! Your choice!!!!

God's commandments to mankind, I have learned, that if we obeyed them all and we were obedient to them, that man, we all, would not have time, money or the energy to gamble with.

God expects from us, you and me, to give Him 100% of our love, thoughts and obedience as He gives to us and wants the same in return. He gave us already His Son by the way of the cross; we should be able to, at least, to give ourselves to Him 100% as Jesus gave His 100% for us!!!
JESUS, RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE OF YOU, MY LIFE IS NOW WORTHWHILE!!!!!! THANK YOU LORD, GLORY TO THE FATHER IN HEAVEN, MY DADDY!!!!

Gambling, Dwayne, I can not give you a direct answer whether it is right or wrong. I am not the Judge; I am just a witness of God's greatness and goodness.

My life, I have a very hard time to live it as I am supposed to do. If it wasn't for God's grace and the blood of Jesus, I know I could not ever be with God.

As Apostle Paul said, I am striving to run my race and to finish the course which I have been given by God to run. We must all, each one of us, find our own race and course. We have no time, to let out to things, other than to God. If we divide our time, tithes, love and obedience to the Holy Spirit's will, we are in danger of the wrath and judgments of God.

Why tempt it; if we, you and I, really truly, have the love of God which He desires from us; take away anything, any part of what is His, and put us in jeopardy of our salvation!!!! **WHY TEMPT IT????**

My choice and my thoughts are not your choice or your thoughts or for that matter, anyone else's.

In a State this size, **\$54,000,000** in a month!!!! What is it in larger States with Casinos, lottery, bingo, betting's and gaming???? **ASTRONOMICAL, I'M SURE!!!!!!** Where does it all go????? **SCHOOLS? RENT? POCKETS? GENERAL FUNDS???** **Bondages, by reason of their task master's whip!!!**

Judgments to those who know not God and desire not too; judgment to those who know God and desire not too obey; judgment to those who know God and fall to the task master's whip; the number of the judged people, **ASTRONOMICAL! JUST, ASTRONOMICAL!!!!!!**

By reason of the task master, your eternal home, **hell**, your judgment, has been enlarged, **astronomically!!!!!!** REPENT!

Thou shalt not!
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