

Practical Theology Class
GAMBLING

- 1) What is gambling? Are there any Scriptures that directly prohibit gambling?
- 2) What connection is there between greed and gambling?
- 3) How is gambling contrary to basic principles of Biblical economics / Christian stewardship?
- 4) Are there any settings in which gambling could be an acceptable activity for a Christian?
- 5) What are the dangers of gambling?
- 6) What vices commonly exist and expand where there is open gambling?

Case Studies

- 1) A couple is having financial difficulties. In talking with them you find out that each regularly plays the lottery. How will that information help you give them better financial advice?
- 2) How would you answer the question, "What would you do if you won the lottery?"
- 3) You are invited to a friend's house for a game night. When you arrive you find that is a Monte Carlo night with all the games related to gambling - poker, black-jack, roulette, craps, etc. What would your reaction be if A) Only chips without monetary value are used. B) It is penny ante with no bets allowed to go over \$1.00 total. C) There are no limits to what is wagered.
- 4) Your co-workers have put together a sports betting pool regarding the World Series / Superbowl. Under what conditions might you participate or not participate in their fun?
- 5) A man with a past gambling problem has been asked by his company to attend a business convention being held in Las Vegas. What advice would you give him about going? About how to handle the temptations if he is required to go?