



The Lottery - I Won

Long lines of people not waiting to get into church but to purchase lottery tickets. I had all it took to break through the line to buy a local newspaper on the other side of the line. This had to be repeated after the purchase to get out of the store. The line stretched across the entire store. The excitement was high in hopes of winning some 69 million dollars as the prize.

I wondered how many of the homes represented by those standing there would be the LOSERS when the winner would be announced as someone else.

The newspaper revealed the odds against picking the winning numbers were 13 million to 1 and standing there in the line I heard one man who incidentally was dressed in tattered clothes say, "well here goes a whole days pay." I wondered, was it his rent money, food for the family, etc?

The lottery system is brutal, cruel and deceiving, robbing not only millions of people of their hard earned money but also of self-respect and decency. The dream of many undoubtedly is to win the **BIG ONE** and to be able to tell their employer - "take this job and shove it."

Someone said that some 30 million laws have been enacted to enforce the 10 commandments. In other words, we all would have been better off had we listened to God in the first place.

THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWER TO GAMBLING.

"He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: This is also vanity." Ecclesiastes 5:10

"Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?" Isaiah 55:2

"Take heed and beware of covetousness for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth." Luke 12:15



GAMBLING FEVER has wrecked many a home and for any Christian to engage in it is to send a message to others that God is not sufficient enough to meet their needs. The last days (2 Tim. 3) are upon us with millions seeking instant wealth and an escape from drudgery through drugs, alcohol and buying lottery tickets for a life of leisure.

Gambling has become respectable in the eyes of many and the push is on now to populate many areas with carbon copies of Las Vegas.

"For the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." 1 Timothy 6:10.

By Not Playing It

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