

# Wanna Bet?

"How hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of heaven!"  
Mark 10:24 (New King James Version)

There are \_\_\_\_\_ that show that \_\_\_\_\_ is wrong.

## Wanna Bet That You'll Win?

A. Somebody has to win. But what are *your* chances?

1. It's more likely you'll be \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ than that you will win the lottery.
2. How can casinos \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ buildings?

B. Christians must think about "winning" for eternity:

1. Mark 10:23-25 - \_\_\_\_\_ said that it is \_\_\_\_\_ for those who \_\_\_\_\_ in riches to enter God's \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Mark 4:19 - The \_\_\_\_\_ of riches will \_\_\_\_\_ the word, and it will become \_\_\_\_\_.

## Wanna Bet That You'll Be Happy?

A. The dream of being wealthy is what drives gambling:

1. One in \_\_\_\_\_ Americans think winning the lottery is the \_\_\_\_\_ way to become financially \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In just \_\_\_\_\_ years the Edwards went from winning \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million to having to live in a \_\_\_\_\_.

B. God has revealed the source of true happiness:

1. Proverbs 23:4,5 - Riches make themselves \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ away.
2. Ecclesiastes 5:10-12 - He who \_\_\_\_\_ silver will not be \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.
3. 1 Timothy 6:6-8 - Godliness with \_\_\_\_\_ is great \_\_\_\_\_.

## Wanna Bet That You'll Be Able To Quit?

A. 15 \_\_\_\_\_ Americans show signs of gambling \_\_\_\_\_.

Gamblers Anonymous treats gambling as an \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Can a Christian afford to become enslaved?

1. 1 Corinthians 6:12 - Paul would \_\_\_\_\_ be brought under the \_\_\_\_\_ of any.
2. 1 Timothy 6:9,10 - The \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_ leads many to fall into \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Matthew 6:24 - Will we serve \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?

Luke 6:31 - Gambling keeps me from wishing the \_\_\_\_\_ for others.

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