

II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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A POOR FELLOW lying on the operating table looked up at the surgeon and said, You'll have to pardon me for being so nervous, doctor. You see, this is my first operation." The doctor looked kindly down at his patient and replied, "Yes, I know how you feel. This is my first operation, too!"

BETTER TO LOSE THAN...

*It is better to lose with a conscience clean
Than to win with a trick unfair:
It is better to fail and to know you've been,
Whatever the prize was, square:
Than to claim the joy of a far-off goal
And the cheers of the standers-by,
And to know down deep in your inmost soul
A cheat you must live and die.
Who wins by trick may take the prize,
And at first he may think it sweet,
But many a day in the future lies
When he'll wish he had met defeat.
For the man who lost shall be glad at heart,
And walk with his head up high,
While his conqueror knows he must play the part
Of a cheat and a living lie.*

In Days Gone By

On November 5, 1893, Raymond Lowsy, inventor of Studebaker, was born.

GUESS MY NAME:

1. I am the priest of Midian. (Exod. 3:1)
2. Moses was keeping my flock when he saw the burning bush. (Exod. 3:2)
3. Moses was content to dwell with me and married my daughter, Zipporah. (Exod. 2:21)
4. I told Moses to choose rulers to judge the people in small matters so that it would be easier for him. (Exod. 18:22)

WHAT'S WRONG WITH GAMBLING?

What's wrong with gambling? It is morally wrong, for it is a VIOLATION of four important obligations we have:

1. DUTY TO GOD. The Bible says we are not owners of our money, but stewards. As stewards we must give an accounting to God for the way we use the money He has entrusted to us. If we squander it on a bet we must answer to Him.

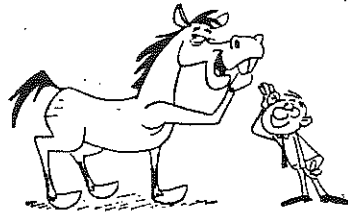
2. DUTY TO OURSELVES. Gambling destroys character. It undermines one's honesty and consumes his ambition. It takes away his respect for himself and for others. Gambling makes people mean, unscrupulous, and cruel.

3. DUTY TO OUR NEIGHBOR. Gambling is an attempt to get something from someone else without giving fair value in return. One person's gain is another's loss. He who loves his neighbor will not gamble against him, unless he intends to lose, which is highly improbable. Gamblers do not help their neighbors intentionally; gambling makes them selfish.

4. DUTY TO SOCIETY. Gambling is wasteful. It siphons off money that ought to be circulating and producing benefits for society. It does not enrich the govern-

ment, even if it is legalized and taxed. The idleness, theft, swindles, drunkenness, bad debts, domestic problems, poverty, etc., it produces cost the government far more than the tax dollars it brings in.

If gambling violates our duty to God, to ourselves, to our neighbor, and to society as a whole, who can ask, "What's wrong with it?" Instead we ask, "What's right with it?" --copied



"If you want it straight, get it from the Bible."

Driving in a dense fog a motorist was following the taillights ahead for almost an hour, free from worry. Suddenly the red beacon ahead stopped, and the two cars collided. "Hey, why don't you put out your hand when you are going to stop?" yelled the man behind. Came the casual reply, "Why should I? I'm in my own garage."

ONE DAY AT A TIME

There are two days in every week about which we should never worry, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is YESTERDAY with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday is passed forever.

The other day we should not worry about is TOMORROW with its possible adversaries, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. Tomorrow's sun will rise, but until it does we have no stake in it, for it is yet unborn. This leaves only one day - TODAY. Any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when you and I add the burdens of YESTERDAY and TOMORROW that we break down.

Many are driven mad by bitterness over yesterday's happenings or by the dread of what will happen tomorrow. LET US THEREFORE LEARN TO LIVE BUT ONE DAY AT A TIME.

SMILE AWHILE

A real loser is one who moved into a new neighborhood and got run over by the welcome wagon.

Sign on garbage truck: Our business is picking up. No two people are just alike, and both of them are glad of it.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION - "Can a person be a Christian without joining the church?" The answer is, "Yes, but it is like a soldier without an army; a student who will not attend school; a salesman without a customer; a sailor without a ship; a bee without a hive; an author without a reader; or a baseball player without a team." These situations might exist, but they would not be very satisfactory.

THREE KINDS OF KICKERS

There are three kinds of kickers- mules, shotguns, and some men. The mule kicks because it was born that way, the gun kicks because it was built that way, and some men kick because it is a right granted by the Constitution that the Supreme Court has not declared unconstitutional!

AN ATHIEST cannot find God for the same reason that a thief cannot find a policeman. He doesn't want to. THOSE WHO THINK it is alright to tell white lies soon become color blind!

Miscellaneous.

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The Unopened Love Letters

"How do I love thee? Let me count the ways," is perhaps one of the best-known lines of poetry ever written. But do you know the story of the creator of those words?

Elizabeth Barrett was a poet who lived many years with her parents. Her father was bizarre. He had forbidden all 12 of his sons and daughters to wed.

Elizabeth met another poet by the name of Robert Browning. They corresponded and met in secret. When Robert approached Edward about marrying Elizabeth, he was denied and ordered out of the house—never to return. Robert's love was strong, so the couple eloped. Edward Barrett disowned his daughter. Elizabeth loved her parents and did everything she could to be reconciled with them. She wrote beautiful, expressive, endearing letters to them. She did this for ten years without response.

Finally, a package came from the Barretts. It was a happy moment for Elizabeth as she opened it. Had her Dad finally forgiven her? — No! Instead, in the box, she found all of her letters returned and unopened. Elizabeth was brokenhearted! Elizabeth Barrett Browning was a world-famous poet and her letters of reconciliation have been called "masterpieces of literature." But her parents never read them!

Likewise, Jesus has sent to mankind beautiful letters of reconciliation. He even died so that sinful people could have hope of everlasting life. It must break His heart that so many refuse to even read these letters of love! Do you read your Bible? Or do you leave God's love letters, unopened? "Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart" (Psalms 119:2).

A daughter asked her father who had just turned ninety, and who had never shown any fear of death, if now he did not have some fear of dying. He answered, "I have no fears. Statistics prove that more people die under ninety than over ninety!"