

# God's word, our world – Gambling

## Part 2, 1 Timothy 6:3-10

### 1 Timothy 6:3-10 – False Teachers and the Love of Money

*These are the things you are to teach and insist on. <sup>3</sup> If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, <sup>4</sup> they are conceited and understand nothing. They have an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions <sup>5</sup> and constant friction between people of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.*

*<sup>6</sup> But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. <sup>9</sup> Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.*

*<sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

1. What part does gambling play in the life of the average Aussie?
2. Is it inherently evil?
3. Should a Christian stay away from it altogether? Why or why not?
4. In 1 Timothy 6 there are some problems with false teaching, what are the problems Paul has with the false teachers? verses 3-4
5. What does godliness and financial gain look like in the church today? verse 5
6. Is it right or wrong to seek to make money from ministry? (songs, books, performances etc.)
7. What does Paul say about what God instructs our attitude toward money to be? verse 6
8. How do we live out contentment in this world? What are the obstacles?
9. What are the traps? How does gambling fit into this example? verse 9
10. Why is the love of money the root of all evil? verse 10