

## WIN, LOSE, OR NO!

In your teaching series on covetousness, money, and wealth, do you need a discussion starter for a lesson on gambling? Ask your students to rank the following from 1 to 10 (least wrong to most wrong), as they see it:

1. Placing a five dollar bet on a horse race at the track.
2. Pitching pennies before school with some school friends.
3. Buying a raffle ticket on a car for a football booster-club fundraiser.
4. Playing the slot machines in a Las Vegas casino.
5. Playing poker for pennies with three of your church friends.
6. Playing poker for several dollars with three school friends.
7. Playing games of chance at an amusement park.
8. Entering your name for a free drawing for 200 dollars worth of groceries at the supermarket.
9. Betting your week's salary on the World Series or the Super Bowl.
10. Betting on pool games at the church or community recreation center.



11. Buying several tickets for the state lottery.

Amend these or add to them, depending on your church, your young people, and your situation. Ask students to relate their answers to these and similar passages: Exodus 16:15-21; Matthew 6:19-34; Mark 11:24-25; Luke 12:13-34; 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19