

Devotional: An Easy Win

Christian Devotion about gambling

"...Wealth [not earned but] won in haste or unjustly or from the production of things for vain or detrimental use [such riches] will dwindle away, but he who gathers little by little will increase [his riches]..." - Proverbs 13: 11 (AMPC)

We often want a quick way of getting money. But often money that is won, or that is accumulated by other means, does not last. It 'dwindles away'. This scripture spoke to me many years ago. Even as a Christian, I went through a phase of buying lotto tickets. It started with one or two each week then it progressed to more. I remember one weekend withdrawing money out of my savings to buy lotto tickets. I had a bundle of them! I was sure I would win something with all these tickets—but I didn't win anything. It was then that I realized I was starting to get in deep, so decided to stop buying them. It was becoming addictive. I'm glad I didn't win, because if I had of won, I would be on a very different path I am on now. Putting our faith in money or in other things will crumble. God is the only one that can fill us with what we really need.

Why is there a need to be rich? After all, we can't take it with us. Today, I am in no way rich by worldly standards, but I don't care, because I have eternal riches that have more value. How about you?

Worldly riches have no eternal gain,
For it's what's eternal that remains.

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