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"After the Supreme Court's decision to strike down the federal ban on sports betting in the United States in May 2018, various states have legalized, or introduced legislation to legalize, the sports betting industry. According to the source, 4.3 billion U.S. dollars of direct sports betting revenue was generated in the U.S. in 2021. This figure was forecast to grow to as much as 15 billion U.S. dollars by 2026."

www.statista.com/statistics/1347017/direct-sports-betting-revenue-us/

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"In 2022, over 179 million U.S. dollars was wagered on the Super Bowl in Nevada's sports books."

www.statista.com/statistics/271778/money-wagered-in-nevadas-sports-books-on-the-super-bowl/

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"According to the source, wagers on the Super Bowl are predicted to increase by 35 percent from the previous year to a total of 7.61 billion U.S. dollars."

www.statista.com/statistics/1201831/total-amount-bet-on-the-super-bowl-us/#statisticContainer

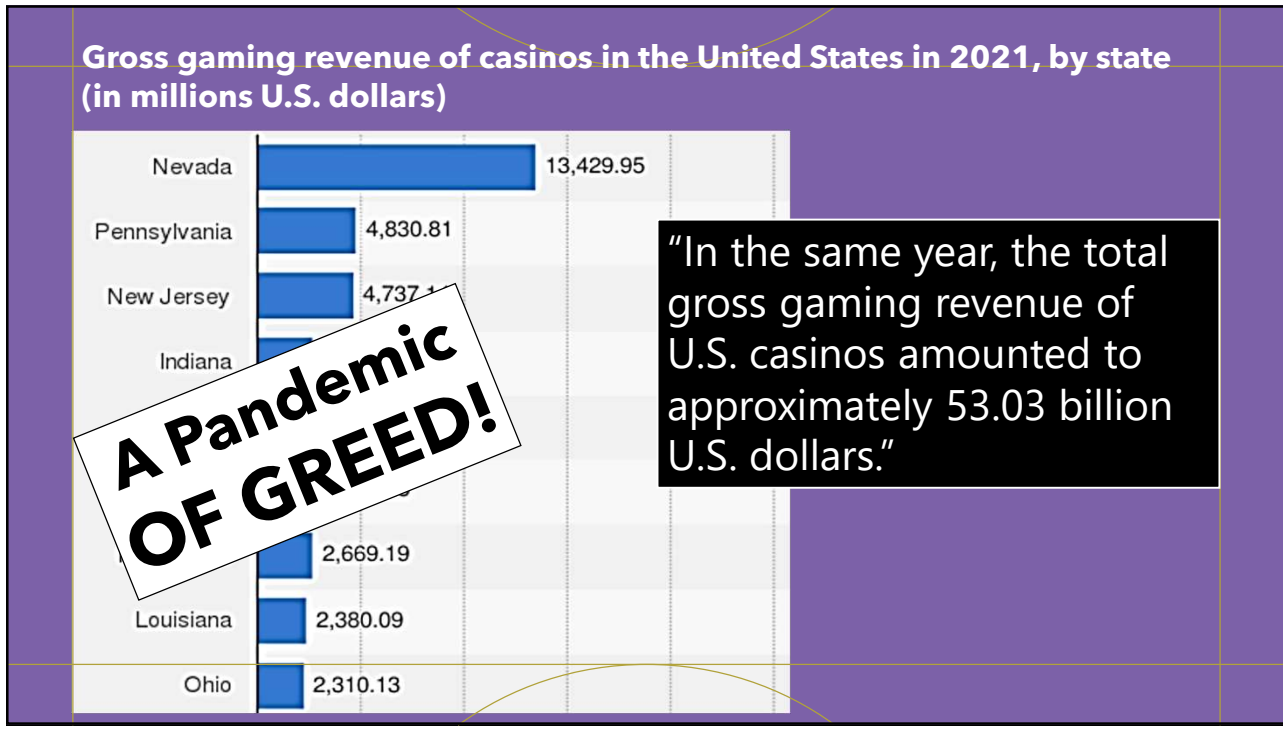
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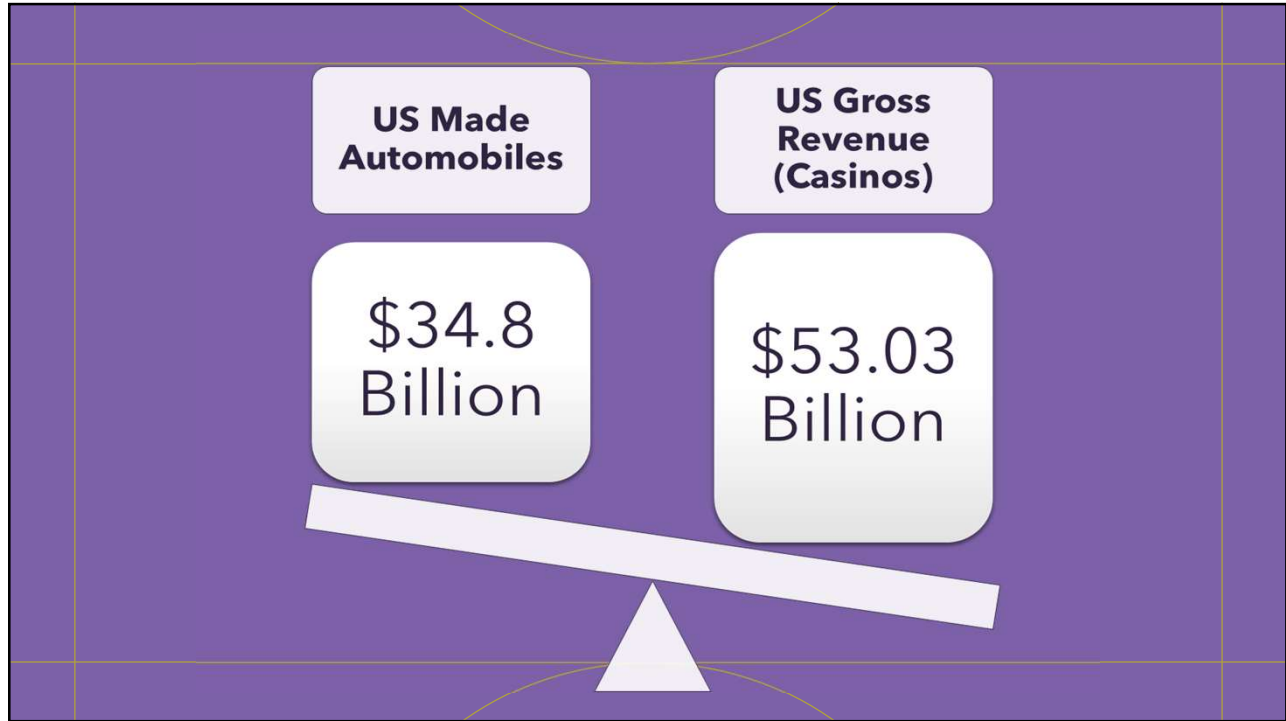
"The size of the global online gambling and betting industry amounted to 61.5 billion U.S. dollars in 2021. This has been forecast to rise to 114.4 billion U.S. dollars by 2028, representing an increase of just over 86 percent."

www.statista.com/statistics/270728/market-volume-of-online-gaming-worldwide/

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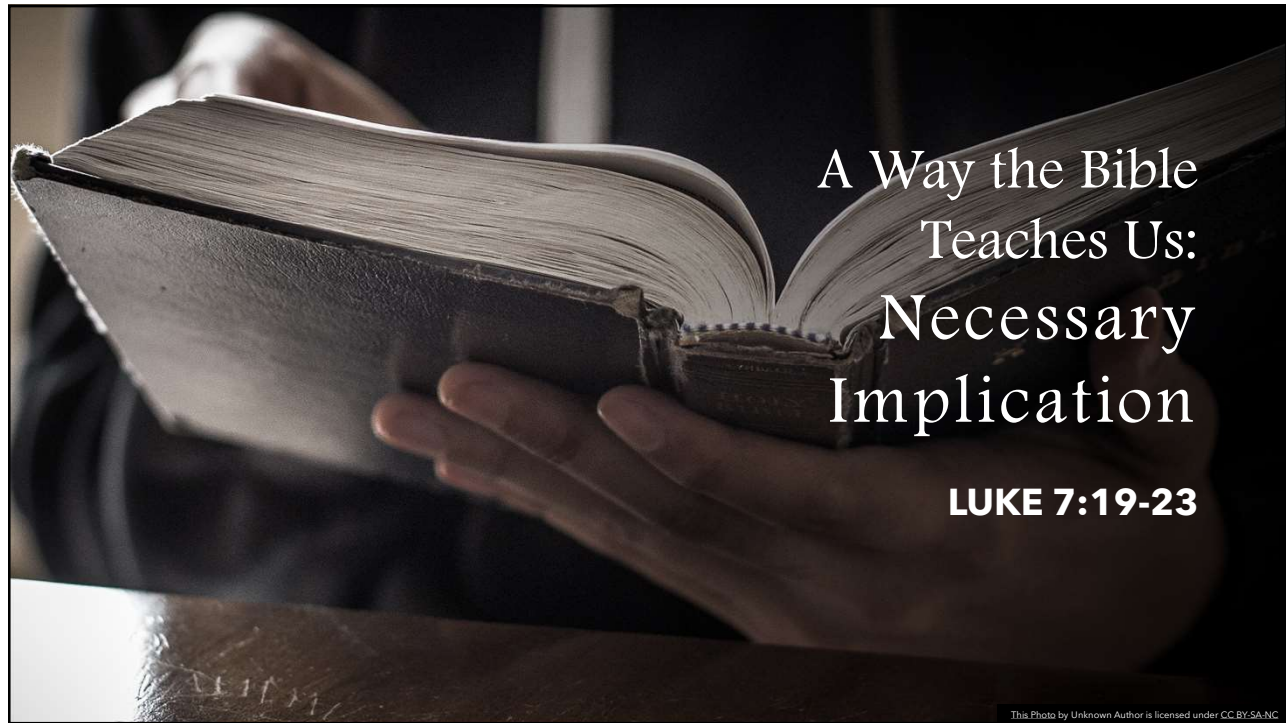
What is Gambling?

Cambridge: "the activity of betting money, for example in a game or on a horse race."

NOT: "~~ANYTHING~~ that involves risk or chance."

1. CHANCE
2. A STAKE (wager)
3. A WINNER AND A LOSER

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The Fruit Formed in Gambling



1. Addiction

"Can a compulsive gambler ever gamble normally again?"

"No. The first bet to a problem gambler is like the first small drink to an alcoholic. Sooner or later he or she falls back into the same old destructive pattern."

www.gamblersanonymous.org

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1 Corinthians 6:12

"All things are lawful for me, BUT ALL THINGS ARE NOT HELPFUL. All things are lawful for me, but I WILL NOT BE BROUGHT UNDER THE POWER OF ANY."

NOTE: Argument is against "all things are lawful"

1. All things are **NOT** helpful
2. I will **NOT** be brought under the power of any

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1. Addiction
2. Covetousness

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Ephesians 5:5

"For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, **nor covetous man**, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God."

Thayer: "one eager to have more, especially what belongs to others" and "greedy of gain, covetous."

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3. Theft

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The Proper Exchange of Money

- **Labor** - Eph. 4:28
- **Transaction/commodity** - Matt. 13:45, 46
- **Gifting** - Eph. 4:28; Matt. 2:11
- **Investing** - Matt. 25:27

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1. Addiction
2. Covetousness
3. Theft
4. Violation of the "Golden Rule"

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