

# Gambling and the Christian

Ephesians 5:1-7

A. "The size of the global online gambling and betting industry amounted to \_\_\_\_\_ billion U.S. dollars in 2021."

1. Ohio became the \_\_\_\_\_ state to legalize sports betting.
2. How much money was expected to be wagered on the super bowl? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How much gross revenue did casinos in the US total for 2021? \_\_\_\_\_

B. Understanding and defining gambling:

1. Is gambling an old or new problem?  
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2. Name three components that are needed to constitute gambling.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
3. How did Jesus answer John's question in Luke 7:19-23? Why bring this text up in discussing the topic of gambling?  
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C. What makes gambling a sin?

1. Gambling is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Scripture to consider: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Gambling is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Scripture to consider: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Gambling is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Scripture to consider: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Gambling violates \_\_\_\_\_.  
Scripture to consider: \_\_\_\_\_

**THOUGHT EXERCISE:** Contrast the "mind of Christ" with "the mind of a gambler." See Philippians 2:1-8.