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Is winning at the expense of others an appropriate form of entertainment and a legitimate means of raising money?

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Seventh-day Adventists oppose gambling. We see it as incompatible with Christian principles because:

1. Gambling impacts negatively on society

The cost of associated crime, victim support and family breakdown damages the quality of life.

2. Gambling is addictive

Adventists seek to help, not blame, those suffering from gambling. We recognise they are responsible before God for their resources and lifestyle.

3. Gambling clouds the sense of responsibility

Gambling takes from those who often cannot afford to lose and gives to those who can, including the greatest winner, the gambling operator.

4. Gambling creates false hopes

"Winning big" is statistically improbable. Christians are not to put their hope in wealth.

The Adventist Church rejects all forms of gambling, including raffles and lotteries, and will not solicit or accept funding from it. The church also calls on all authorities to prevent the increasing availability of gambling.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church released a statement on gambling in 2000. Visit www.adventist.org.au to read the full statement.



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