

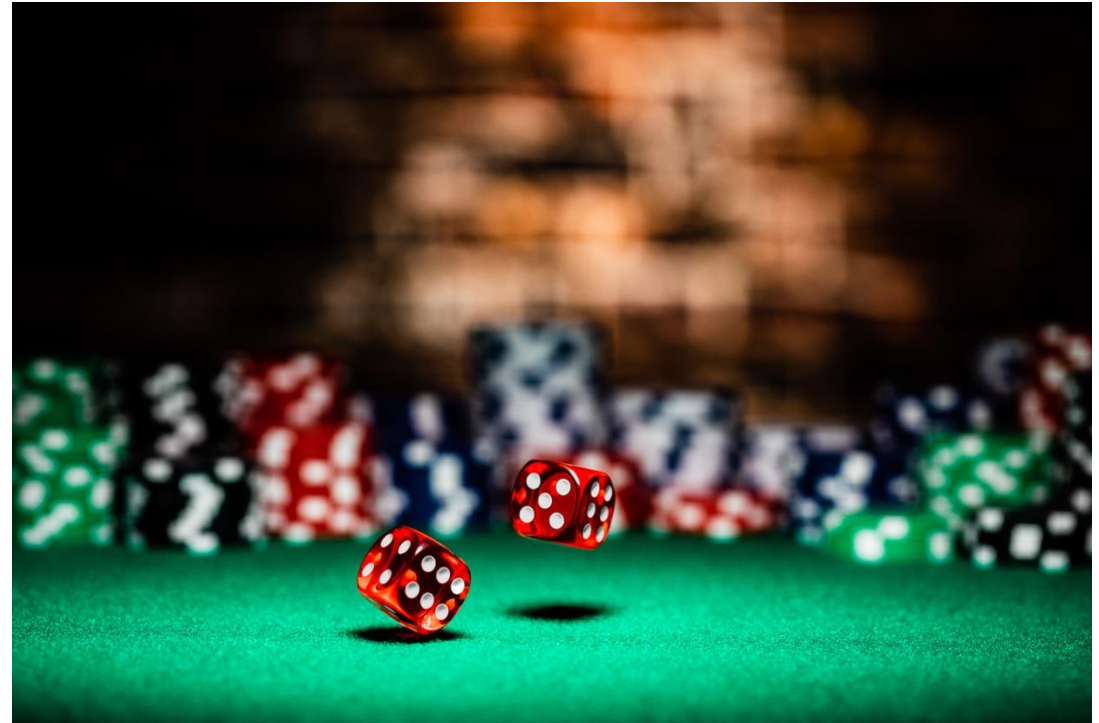


Gambling

A Sin of Greed and Laziness

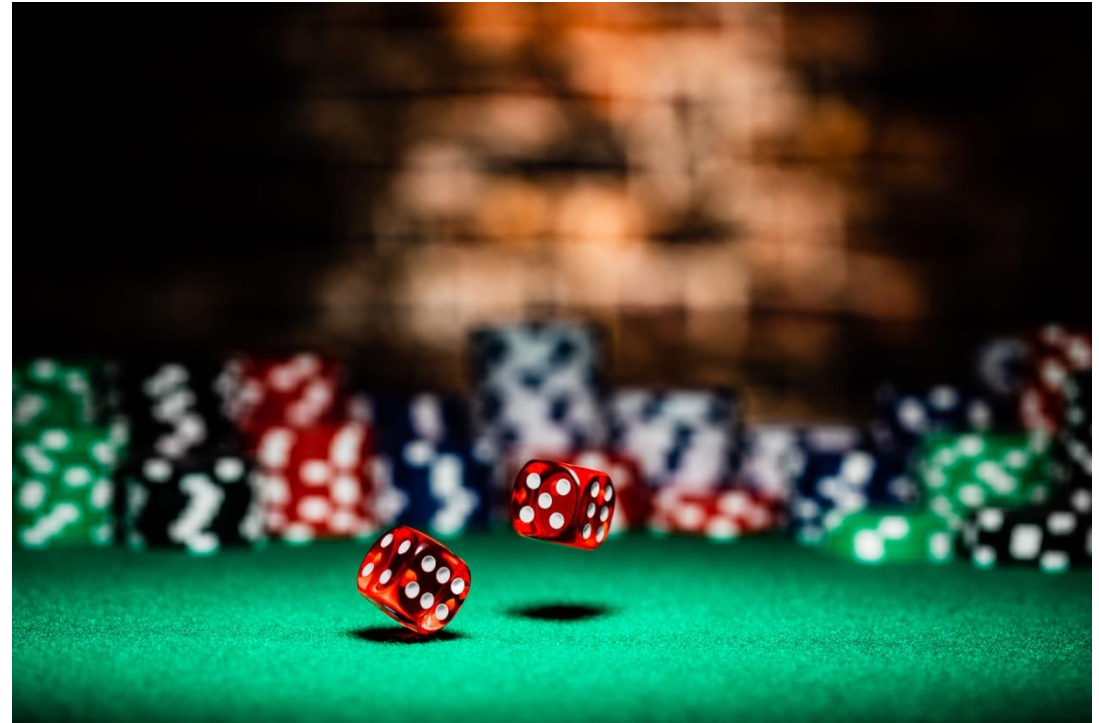
Definition

- **Gambling** is the wagering of money or something of material value (referred to as "the stakes") on an event with an uncertain outcome with the primary intent of winning additional money and/or material goods. (from Wikipedia 2024)



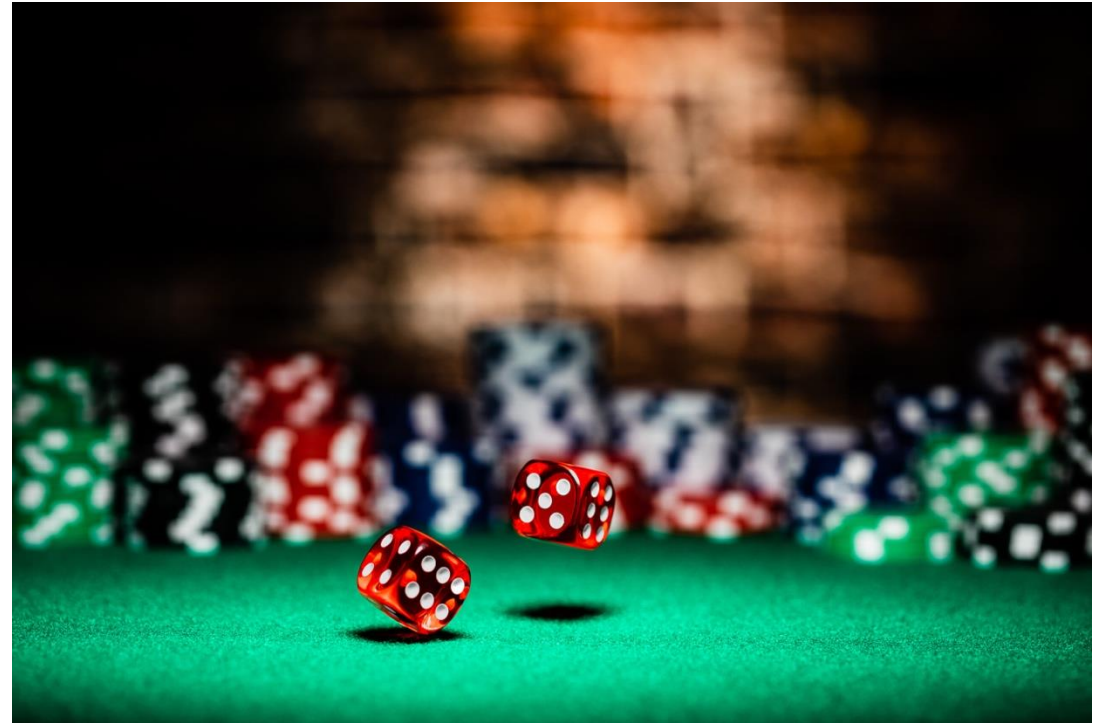
Reasons to Gamble

- To test one's skill or luck
- To be competitive
- Feel satisfaction of winning/beating opponent
- The thrill of uncertainty
- To obtain the money or possessions of others



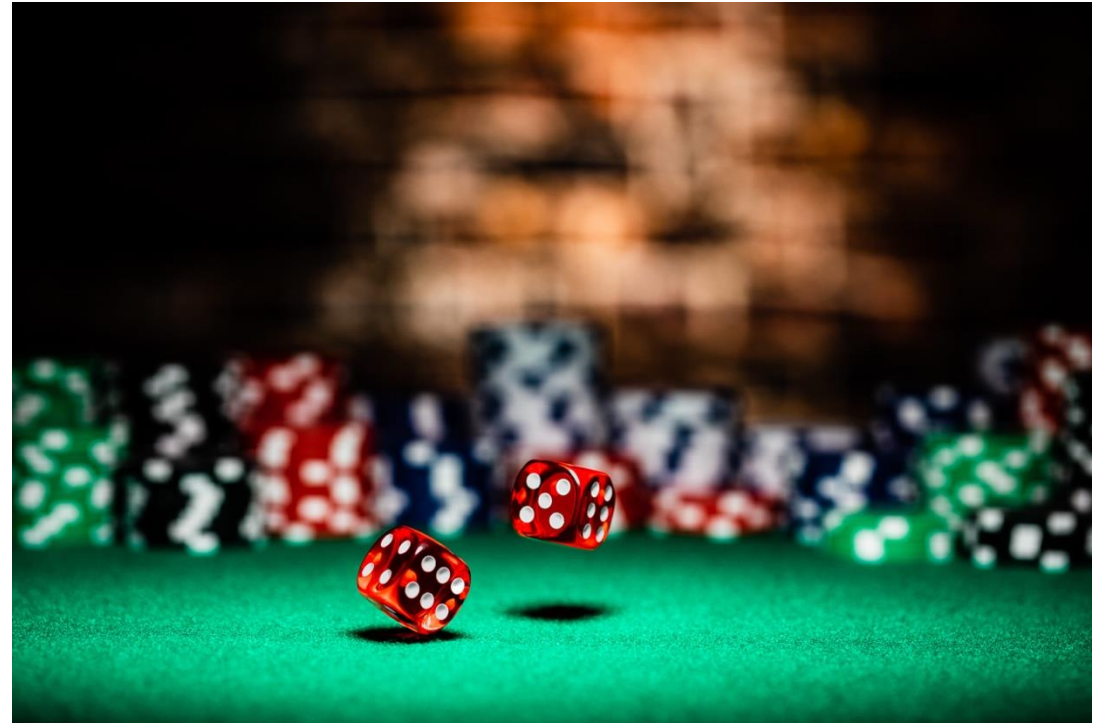
Covetousness

- The laborer is worthy to be paid – Luke 10:7
- Thou shalt not covet – Ex 20:17; Rom 13:9
- To covet is to desire to possess something inordinately – one will do whatever it takes to possess that thing
- In gambling there is no even exchange



Addiction

- Americans wagered more than 170 Billion dollars in 2024. Only 4% “win” – Pro 22:16 (US gov’t biggest winner via taxes)
- Gamblers Anonymous
- Popular things that are gambling
 - Table games (poker, dice, roulette, blackjack)
 - Sports (watched or online)
 - Raffles (some “church” sponsored)
 - Lottery
 - Bingo (for money)
 - Any unpredictable event (i.e. elections)



Laziness

- Billions of dollars spent, most by those with extremely low incomes
- Gambling is often done with a “get-rich-quick” mentality – Pro 28:22
- Always discontent with current economic situation – 1 Tim 6:8

