

Decision Making – What would you do?

“What would you do?” problems focus on principles of faithful decision making. They can be introduced into almost any Sunday school lesson with any age group. Give your students practice with well-chosen examples. And be sure to give the children time to think about a problem before telling you what they would do. Teach them to think before they act.

“What would you do?” problems also make good Bible learning center activities. Let the children work on one or two, individually or in small groups, after the main lesson has been taught. Monitor their progress.

Hitting The Lottery! What would you do?

A friend who is not a Christadelphian gives you a lottery ticket for your 18th birthday. And would you believe it? It turns out to be the winning number – \$4.3 million! This entitles you to more than \$100,000 a year for the next 20 years, after taxes. That is nearly \$2000, tax free, every week until you are 38 years old!



- 1 – What will you do? Give biblical support for your answer.
- 2 – Here is a short reading to do *after* you have answered the previous question. Does it change your mind at all? Why?

Cyril Cooper, *The Gospel and Mammon*, published by The Christadelphian Office.

"The evil of gambling has serious roots. It is indulged in by those whose minds are impoverished by a love of money, so deeply embedded that it is prepared and eager to accept riches that come as the result of pure chance rather than from deserts; riches moreover that come to the few at the expense of the many. Thus it is directly opposed to loving one's neighbor as one's self.

"But gambling is not only caused by love of money. It introduces an element of excitement into otherwise drab and empty lives, and can easily become a feverish passion, like alcoholism and drug addiction. ... Gambling losses often result in privation ... while the occasional gains are a strain upon character, encouraging the winner to gamble at a still greater rate. A follower of Christ whose conscience is enlightened by the Gospel message cannot obtain money by this means, which betokens the worship of luck rather than the worship of God.

"The motive at the root of gambling is avarice. Gambling is taking a chance at the expense of others."