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Question:

What is the problem with gambling?

Answer:

The problem with gambling can be illustrated by the average age of the problem gambler, the average age that the problem gambler starts. It's the age of twelve.

When a human being is at his most impulsive, that's when people get into gambling. The problem with gambling is that it's the chasing of the immature high.

We are designed to learn how to manage and conquer life—but what gambling does is that it teaches people that they can do an end-run on life, do an end-run on learning the skills and the responsibilities that go with life.

Gambling is a superstitious belief that luck and fortune is more important than skill and intelligence. Simple reality is God and life demand that we get the skills to learn how to manage reality in a healthy way. Gambling is the absolute direct opposite of that, and that's why it should be avoided.