

My Cat, SI



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My cat, SI likes to lounge on the back porch and deck in the nice sunlight we have been having this past week. He opens one eye a tiny slit as I walk by, in the barest acknowledgement of my

presence. Oh! he can't be bothered to move out of my way.

The deck in the spring and summer is his domain, and his body language says as much. I step around and over him to get to the back doorit's like playing hopscotch.

SI was a stray kitten who suddenly appeared last April when he was about eight weeks old according to the vet. He was the boniest little thing and I couldn't help but feed him and take him to the vet. Bob and I both have fell in love with him; he is so sweet and stays right with us. Our other cat, Sophia is independent and doesn't like to be held; she just wants to do her own thing. She likes roaming around the woods and fields; doesn't like socializing. But SI is a different story; I know he tries his

best to talk at times.

Now the typical house cat has 18 claws...five on each of the front feet and four on each of the back. With stilet-toe stealth, inside each little velvet foot are razor-sharp claws waiting to be retracted in fear, flight, or fight.

But if a cat's danger is counted in toes, then my cat is the James Bond of the feline set. That's because of his sports extra toes. This strange condition is called polydactylism (poly meaning "many" and dactyl meaning "digit"). Polydactylism is a genetic trait that produces a sixth and sometimes seventh toe on the front paws. Back paws get an extra toe, too. These cats simply called "extra-toed." But they have other funny names such as "mitten kittens" or "thumb cats."

Extra-toed cats were originally found in the northeastern part of the United States, presumably brought to America aboard ships from England. Those extra toes were considered an asset. Regarded as superior mousers (and why wouldn't they be?), extra-toed cats were sought out for rodent patrol on ships. It was also thought extra toes also meant extra traction on a ship's tilting and slippery surface.

Ernest Hemingway had extra-toed cats. He was given a white six-toed cat by a ship's captain. He named her Snowball, and she populated his house and grounds with many of her descendants.

Today 40-50 extra-toed cats live at the Hemingway Home and Museum in Key West, Florida roaming though the gardens, all descendants of the multioed Snowball. For this reason extra-toes cats are frequently called "Hemingway cats."

President Theodore Roosevelt had an extra-toed cat named Slippers, who lived in the White House with him. Perhaps Hemingway and TR, both known for their love of wild things, found polydactyl cats a little less domesticated than the average house cat. Maybe it's because extra-toed cats seem to have extra personality. SI seems more precocious than cats with the normal number of toes.

He can manipulate objects with his feet, using his extra toes as thumbs. Sometimes, he can sit and play with a pencil, holding it in his paw like he is writing. He is also an expert at getting into boxes and opening doors. His extreme thumbiness gives him the dexterity and confidence to use his feet like hands.

He's a good cat, always playful and happy to see us and he is a good mouser and also catches ground snakes and bats them around with his paws. I wonder what he will find for a toy next. He is one cool cat!

What Is Wrong With Gambling?

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This is the last of three series of lessons given to warn the public about the evils of the lottery systems here in our state. First, we talked about the vices of gambling in any form. Secondly, we discussed the arguments used to defend or justify gambling.

Today, we will discuss the wrongs of a gambler.

A. Gambling violates a legitimate economy because in God's sight there are three ways of transferring property or goods.

1. Law of Labor. This is accomplished when money is paid or earned by one's efforts. Either physically or mentally. Read Ephesians 4:28; 2 Corinthians 11:8; and II Thessalonians 3:12.

2. Law of Exchange, a commodity may be exchanged for value in money or goods. God's Law Matthew 25:12, Matthew 13:45.

3. Law of Love, money can be given without any expectation or a desire for a return. This can be done by benevolence, a gift, or inheritance. Examples: Acts 2:45, Romans 11:39, and Romans 13:10.

NOTICE: Gambling in any form violates all three of these principals.

B. Gambling violates the industry that God ordained for man.

1. Genesis 2:15, Genesis 3:17-19. Man is told not to be lazy or to try to gain profits at the expense of another's loss. This is not the will of God. Proverbs 6:9-11, I Timothy 5:8.

2. The gambling industries of our state, casinos, horse racing, lottery ticket sales, all these exist because most all who fool with them are all losers, who with their losses keep paying to keep it going.

Point in fact: The last powerball jackpot amounted to around 480 million dollars. Where did it come from? From losers who bought the worthless tickets. Then again, how much did the winner eventually receive? 246 million. Where did the rest go to? Right into the pockets of our politicians.

So who is making the money?

C. Gambling is not conducive to godliness. 1 Peter 2:21-22.

1. Who would not say that gambling is not addictive? It gains control of a person just like drinking, drugs, as do other forms of sin.

2. Philippians 4:8. We ask if gambling is true, honest, just, pure, worthy of good report or virtuous?

3. Gambling will place an unequal yoke upon the Christian (II Corinthians 6:14).

4. Gambling produces evil fruits (Matthew 9:17-20) such as broken marriages, drunkenness, theft, embezzlements, family abuses, loss of job, and for many time in jail.

5. Gambling destroys influence, good example (Matthew 5:13-16, I Timothy 4:12).

6. Gambling is of the world and not of God (I Thessalonians 5:22). It has all the appearances of evil.

D. Gambling is nothing short of covetousness (Galatians 5:19-21, I Timothy 6:10).

1. Covetousness, greed, and lust are all condemned in the Bible.

2. Gambling is to commit spiritual suicide (I Corinthians 5:9-11, Romans 13:8-10).

3. Gambling is the desire to be rich without hard labors (I Timothy 6:6-11).

4. Gambling is never to be named among the saints (Ephesians 5:3-5).

Conclusion: Where there is no greed, lust, covetousness, there will be no more gambling. When these are removed from the hearts of men gambling would cease tomorrow, but this will only be accomplished in two ways: when men hear and obey the gospel or when our Lord returns suddenly to judgment. You will decide which one it will be.

Honesty compels us to make a simple statement of truth. There is no divine authority, example, for a Christian to gamble in any form. Do you care?

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Sincerely, Bob Casey

Gambling – Worldliness or Godliness?

Violates The Golden Rule



- ✦ For one to win at gambling, others must lose –
- ✦ Gambling is predicated on the losses, pain, and suffering of others - Gambling preys on the desperation of the poor
- ✦ A Christian is NOT to take advantage of another - Prov. 14:31; 22:16; Hos. 12:7; Zec. 17:10; Phil. 2:4; Mat. 7:12; 22:39; Gal. 5:13,14



Lo, there was a great earthquake, for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it; his appearance was as lightning and his clothes were as white as snow. For fear of him, the guards trembled and became as dead men.

And the angel said to the women, "Be not afraid I know that you seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He is risen. He is not here. Why seek the living among the dead? Remember how He spoke

to you while He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful man and be crucified and on the third day rise again.' Come now and see that place where He lay. (Then they remembered His words.)

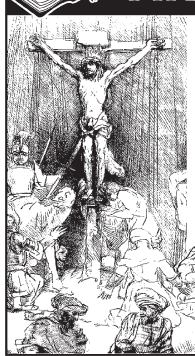
"Go quickly and tell His disciples and Peter that He is risen from the dead, and lo, He goes before you into Galilee. There, you will see Him as He told you."

Some went away with fear and trembling and said nothing because they were afraid. Others went away quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell the disciples.

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When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved... He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

JOHN 19: 26, 27

Detail of etching by Rembrandt, 1653

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Galatians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Psalm 91, without fear the man who trusts God can trample upon the lion and the ... ? Heathen, Locusts, Cobra (Adder), Lice
3. In James 4, what does

one do to the devil, so he will flee from you? Argue, Yell, Swear, Resist?

4. "Lord, save me" is the Bible's shortest prayer found in which book's 14:30? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John?

5. From Matthew 18:10, who/what have personal angels in heaven? Children, Birds, Fishes, Elderly?

6. How many times does the word "Easter" appear in the Bible (KJV)? Zero, 1, 3, 17

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8. Sleep-related eating disorder
9. Sexsomnia
10. Insomnia

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