

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."



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WOMEN TEACHERS

--A Satire by Terry Carter

"And I do **not permit a woman to teach** or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence" **I Timothy 2:12 NKJV**

I am excited about what scholars have recently discovered in the Scriptures regarding women teachers. For years I misunderstood what Paul was saying in **I Timothy 2:12**, but thankfully it is finally clear to me.

What I had missed for so long was the critical clue in the Greek grammar. The phrase translated "to teach" is actually in the present tense infinitive. Outside of the indicative mood, the tense of a Greek verb only indicates the **type** of action, not the **time** of the action. As the scholars have now explained, that means that Paul was forbidding a continuous, habitual, ongoing condition. He was not forbidding a woman to teach men occasionally. If Paul wanted to forbid women to teach men occasionally he would have used the aorist tense.

They have explained the difference between the tenses so clearly that even I can understand the difference.

"To sin" in the aorist tense would mean to commit a particular sin. In the present tense, it would mean to be a sinner.

"To believe" in the aorist tense would mean to believe at a particular moment. In the present tense it would mean to be a believer.

"To serve" in the aorist tense would mean a specific act of service. In the present tense, it would mean to be a servant.

Similarly, they say, "to teach" in the aorist tense means to teach as a one time or occasional thing. In the present tense it means to be a teacher on a regular, continuing, habitual basis. They say this is all Paul was actually forbidding here.

This is an amazing discovery. For years, the feminists have argued that since Paul used the present tense for "I do not permit" in **I Timothy 2:12** that it should be

translated "I do not permit at this time". Their opponents pointed out that the present tense here meant that Paul's prohibition continued beyond that particular time.

If only they had realized then that the present tense in the rest of the verse meant that it was only habitual teaching that was forbidden, they would not have made such a silly argument. I'm so glad our new reasoning is rock solid unlike the arguments of the past.

Understanding that women can actually teach men on occasion, just not habitually, is exciting. I can finally fall in line with the culture around us. We can finally practice what the feminists have been pushing for all along. What glorious liberation they have given us!!!

But a woman teaching men is not what has me the most excited. I realized that if I'd understood this passage wrongly for so many years, there surely were other passages I'd made the same mistake with. I reasoned that there were probably other prohibitions in Scripture that were in the present tense, as well. That would mean that those prohibitions were not against occasional behavior, just habitual practice. I decided to look for such passages and the results are really exciting.

It turns out that you can commit adultery and steal as long as you only do it occasionally and not habitually. Yes, that's right. The phrases "steal" and "commit adultery" in **Romans 2:21-22** are present infinitives. By parity of reasoning, these prohibitions are only against habitually committing adultery or stealing.

"21 You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man **should not steal**, do you steal? 22 You who say, "**Do not commit adultery**," do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?" **Romans 2:21-22 NKJV**

I also discovered that pornography and strip clubs are not wrong if you only indulge in them occasionally. After all, when Paul said we should not lust after evil things, it too is a present infinitive.

"Now these things became our examples, to the intent that **we should not lust after evil things** as they also lusted." **I Corinthians 10:6 NKJV**

I even found that it's all right to be drunk with wine on occasion as long as you don't make a habit of it. In **Ephesians 5:18**, "be drunk" is a present infinitive.

"And **do not be drunk with wine**, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit" **Ephesians 5:18 NKJV**

It is also acceptable to have fellowship with devils and even blaspheme. Both prohibitions are in the present infinitive in the verses below. Looks like occult practices are no longer strictly off limits, as long as you do not engage in them habitually.

"Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and **I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.**" **I Corinthians 10:20 NKJV**

"Of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn **not to blaspheme.**" **I Timothy 1:20 NKJV**

So you can commit adultery, be drunk with wine, lust after evil things, steal, fellowship with demons, and blaspheme as long as it's occasionally and not habitually. This is exciting!!! Think how much easier it will be to convert the world to Christianity once we start preaching this good news. I can see some major Church growth coming soon!

I can't wait to tell the good news that you can sin without being a sinner, you can believe without being a believer, you can serve without being a servant, and you can teach without being a teacher. This makes everything so much easier.

When the Lord asks us at judgment if you are a sinner, you can honestly say, "no, I have sinned, but I'm not a sinner".

When He asks if you believe you can honestly say, "yes, I believe at this moment, though I'm not a believer". When He asks if you served, you can say, "yes, I've served, although I was never a servant."

If He asks whether we are a thief or a liar, we can answer, "No, I did lie and steal, but I'm not a liar or a thief". If Jesus asks whether we are fornicators, adulterers, or drunkards, we can respond, "No, we did commit fornication, got drunk, and even lusted after evil things but we didn't make a habit of those things". When a woman is asked if she is a teacher of men, she can say, "No, I taught men, but I was not their teacher."

I do have a question for the scholars though. It's a simple one, but an important one. "How often can we commit adultery without being an adulterer, be drunk with wine without being a drunkard, and steal without being a thief?" It's important to know the answer since drunkards, adulterers, and thieves will not inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.

"9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, **nor adulterers**, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, **nor thieves**, nor covetous, **nor drunkards**, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God." **I Corinthians 6:9-10 NKJV**

The answer to this question is important for another reason, as well. It will also tell us how often a woman can teach men without being a teacher of men. I wouldn't want to lead somebody into doing something the Scripture forbids I just need to know where the line is. After all, we want to be as close to the line as possible. I'd hate to be any more out of step with the world than I absolutely have to be. If there's anything the world is in favor of more than women teaching men, it has to be adultery and drunkenness.

I just can't wait to discover what else God allows "occasionally" that I've misunderstood before. Now that I know how to understand God's prohibitions correctly, I expect to find many more that are only forbidding habitual behavior. I am so grateful to the scholars. For centuries we have misunderstood this passage of Scripture. Without the insight of these learned men, we would still be stuck with the plain and simple understanding of the text. Imagine how behind the times we would be.

There is one final question that I need answered. I'm sure the scholars have a good answer for this, but I need to know what it is. I'm sure some unenlightened individual is going to ask me this someday and I need to be able to answer it intelligently. I need to understand how to square our new understanding of **I Timothy 2:12** with what Paul said at the end of the verse.

"And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, **but to be in silence**" **I Timothy 2:12 NKJV**

The problem is that Paul's command here is in the present tense. That is, the Greek for "be in silence" is also a present infinitive. As the scholars have so wisely shown us, this means that they were to be in silence continually, habitually, as an ongoing condition, not just occasionally. That's pretty plain. I'm just trying to figure out how they can do that and still teach men occasionally as Paul so graciously allowed in the first part of the verse. Of course, I'm confident the "scholars" can explain it to me.

What's at question here is not the Greek rule of grammar, but the proper application of it.

In this context the present tense infinitive indicates that a woman is not to be in a state of teaching men. It has nothing to do with the frequency with which she would teach men. She is simply forbidden to be in that state at all (in the Church assemblies/meetings).

In the same way, we are forbidden to be in a state of drunkenness with wine. The frequency is not the issue. The frequency needs to be zero. We should never be in that state – period!

Snuff Said.....



Dear Brother Faull,

I sometimes chew and snort snuff. I do not see anything wrong with it.

- * First, the Bible does not mention it as a sin.
- * Second, it is not the same as smoking.
- * Third, It can be hid easier than smoking and no one need know you even do it.
- * Fourth, it does not give the second hand smoke problem to other people.
- * Fifth, It is my business, my money, and no one should judge me.

I have always found you fair and honest on a sincere question and brutally honest and truthful. What do you say? Do I have stinking thinking?

ANSWER:

Well, on the first point you're right. The Bible does not mention it. But I could say it does not mention snorting heroin, or crack either. What does that prove?

Do you honestly think the devil did not invent new vices in the last 2000 years? Tobacco was not known until 1492 when they found those in Cuba using it and then Spanish people brought it to Spain and finally it spread to other countries. They never used it in Bible lands.

What did you expect, a prophecy in the Bible that in years to come men will chew, snort, and smoke a foul plant that will be very hard on men and women's health that it will be sinful?

Your argument that nothing is sin unless specifically mentioned as sin in the Bible is obviously ludicrous. The Christian learns by Bible principles and then applies them to current practices that Satan uses to ensnare people into habits that are contrary to man's good.

Your second point is obviously true. Snorting tobacco or chewing tobacco is different than smoking it. However, smokeless tobacco, like a can of snuff or dip, contains approximately 144 milligrams of nicotine. That is equal to 80 cigarettes!!!

A can of Skoal is equal to four packs of cigarettes. So if you take it daily you are exposed to a lot of nicotine. In addition, you will be taking into your system hundreds of chemicals that puts your health at risk. It takes days for it to leave the body.

Your third point is possibly true. You may be able to hide it, but why should a Christian have to hide anything? That sounds like hypocrisy to me. It will show up in a urine test

and keep you from getting a non-tobacco rate on health and life insurance or even a job! It seems to me that anything you have to hide ought to be suspect to a Christian who is trying to perfect holiness in the fear of the Lord.

I would think any habit a Christian has should be able to be recommended to others. If you cannot recommend it to the brethren, and have to sneak around to do it, as far as my thinking is concerned, is sufficient reason to avoid it. Besides, you can be sure your sin can find you out. There will be payday some day.

The smokeless tobacco causes white spots (leukoplakia) on your lips and the oral cancer you may get may reveal your little secret.

Oral cancer is 80% higher and 60% higher for pancreatic and esophageal cancer than in non-users). Incidentally, do you recommend it to your sons and daughters; why not? Are you afraid they will get gum disease (periodontal) and lose teeth that are common from this vice? The label on the can warns about that.

I am told it is a very hard habit to break and read on the internet that users say they had a hard time of going two or three hours without a snort. I may add that there are literally hundreds of additional chemicals besides the nicotine in the product.

Your fourth point is true. There is no secondhand smoke, but I think maybe I prefer that than stepping in spittle or watching someone clean out a spittoon. Do you make your wife do that or do you just swallow it and endanger your health even more? (Ulcers, etc.)

Your fifth argument is one I hear a lot of people use. I have heard many use that excuse for chewing and smoking, snorting, drinking, piercing, tattooing, abortion, and gambling.

Now since God has spoken about that, I think you should not use that argument. If you're a Christian, you are not your own, you have been bought with a price and you are to glorify God in your body and spirit, which are His. Your body is His temple. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

If this vice had existed in the days of Solomon's temple, would you have had a snort while there? So why snort in his temple today?

You are specifically told as a Christian, "Whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God and do not give offence, neither to the Jew, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God." **1 Corinthians 10:31-32**

Romans 14:21, "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby your brother stumble, or is offended, or is made weak."

You also are told it would be better not to be born or drown than to cause a child to stumble, and that we must take heed that we do not despise children. **Luke 12:1-2** The Indiana Quitline (from where I got some of the above stats) gives links to prove that snorters are much more likely to go to other tobacco and stronger drugs.

So I would say that since it is a vice that enslaves men to a drug and it is a very questionable hygiene proven to be unhealthy and a waste of your finances (which means poor stewardship) and causes a loss of influence for Christ, it should be avoided by those who wish to please the Lord. You do not have the right to throw away the influence you could have for Him for a gross habit.

You might also want to read **Psalms 103:2-5**, which shows that God heals us from our disease, and fills our mouth with good things that causes us to have **renewed strength like an eagle**. Sure seems to me that you are acting contrary to that prayer and therefore are not pursuing the Will of God as a saint. Sorry to be so hard on you but I know you would want me to tell you what I honestly think. I trust you will not be angry and offended but just use these thoughts for an examination of your thinking.

Remember, we write only from concern for your usefulness in the Kingdom.

GET WELL SOON, BROTHER GEORGE!

On Saturday, June 21st, 2014 – George L. Faull had a mild heart attack. He went to the ER in Kokomo, IN and on Monday, June 23rd, he had emergency 6 bypass open heart surgery. He is doing well and currently in Indianapolis at a rehab facility but may be released Friday, July 11th to go home if all goes well. Please keep George in your prayers during his recovery. He appreciates those thinking of him.

Summit School of Preaching Resident Classes Fall Schedule 2014

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Classes to Begin Tuesday - August 28th, 2014
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Restoration History	Preaching of Minor Prophets
Parables	

Don't Buy the "Milk" By Doug Carter – Georgetown, OH

The silence is deafening. Not a word from ABC, CBS, NBC, or CNN about contaminated "Milk". Not even our local Fox News, which closes each story with "balanced news", has said a word. That's strange because the President went out of his way to host a dedication ceremony at the White House on May 22, 2014 venerating Milk.



The "Milk" I am talking about is the new U.S. postage stamp commemorating a man named Harvey Milk. "Who is he?" He's the infamous homosexual activist who became the first openly gay elected official in San Francisco. That was in 1977. Not only has our esteemed President hosted a 2014 "coming out" ceremony for the new Harvey Milk stamp but in 2009 he rewarded Milk's sexual immorality by posthumously bestowing the Presidential Medal of Freedom on him for his contribution to the gay rights movement. And, later that same year, then California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger designated May 22 as "Harvey Milk Day", inducting him into the California Hall of Fame.

So what's the big deal? California and Washington, D.C., they are a long way from Brown County, Ohio, right? Not so fast. Milk's tentacles of immorality have now reached into every city, town, and village. How? Through the USPS. That's right, through our very own United States Postal System. You can purchase a Milk stamp at any burg's post office. Now you can place perversion on your son's or daughter's graduation card, or your grandma or grandpa's get well card, or your mom and dad's golden anniversary card with a 49 cent Harvey Milk forever stamp.

On May 22 the USPS unveiled the forever stamp that honors Milk. This means you can esteem a LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) activist by buying a stamp at your local post office. What better promotion for a sinful lifestyle than direct mail to all 50 states—and get you to pay for sending it!—by placing a Milk stamp on your personal mail?

Randy Shilts, a close friend and fellow homosexual of Milk, says Harvey was more than an elected homosexual official and LGBT activist—he was a child sexual predator. According to Shilts' biography about Milk, he says the man had a gay predatory lust for young men. One of these young men, among many, was underage Jack Galen McKinley, a 16-year-old runaway from Maryland.

Matt Barber of Liberty Counsel Action, a foe of Milk, who is himself the father of a teenage boy, objected strongly to the U.S. postal stamp unveiled on May 22 that venerates Milk. "While most sexual predators," wrote Barber, "get time in prison and a dishonorable mention on the registry of sex offenders, Harvey Milk got his own California state

holiday, a Presidential Medal of Freedom, and his own 'Forever' postage stamp."

I don't know about you but this deeply torments my mind, heart, and soul to think that a homosexual activist would get a stamp honoring a lifestyle that has led to an increase in AIDS, the spread of syphilis, STDs, same-sex unions, and an overall decline in America's morality. How far we have fallen since **Genesis 3!**

What can you do? God doesn't place the moral authority to change America in Washington's political hands. He gives it exclusively to His church that looks in humble desperation to Him. And if there were ever a time that God's people should be praying, it is now.

Further, because God has given you freedom to choose. I suggest that you place feet to your prayers and when you go to the post office to buy stamps and are offered a Harvey Milk stamp, please politely but firmly decline. Then explain why: Harvey Milk was immoral and you will not honor his offensive and inappropriate lifestyle.

Will your voice cause USPS to recall (burn) the stamps or the President to update his sin-leaning theology? I don't know. However, what I do know is that "any person who knows what is right to do but does not do it, to him it is sin (**James 4:17**, Amplified). Think about that as you refuse to buy and place a contaminated "Milk" stamp on your next personal mail.

[In order to be "Fair and Balanced", it is not only the above mentioned networks who play into the homosexual agenda's hands, but as Steve Baldwin has written in his article (below) on the media (Christian News, June 9th, 2014 edition).

"Even more surprising is the Pew Research study on how the media covers same sex marriage. It found that FOX NEWS ran four times more stories supporting same sex marriage than opposing it. Nor do most people know that FOX NEWS is a major financial sponsor of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA), which itself monitors how FOX NEWS covers gay issues and is constantly communicating with FOX NEWS personalities to teach them "correct" way to report on homosexual issues. And no, FOX NEWS, whose slogan is "Fair and Balanced", does not give any money to pro-traditional values groups.

Megyn Kelly is a FOX NEWS superstar but more than most FOX NEWS personalities, she really drinks the homosexual propaganda kook-aid. She supports homosexual marriage and often equates, on-air, the rights of blacks to the rights of homosexuals, despite the complete lack of evidence that homosexuality is an in-born trait like race is. She also uses the same phrases homosexual activities use in describing their battle for marriage rights: "marriage equality" and has referred to religious-based opponents of the homosexual agenda as "haters", phrases right out of NLGJA's play book."]

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC IN CHRIST'S CHURCH

--By Phil Young

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." **Colossians 3:16**



The public worship of God is a great privilege for Christians and ought to be of great benefit to them. Scriptural worship includes preaching **FOR** God, teaching **ABOUT** God, prayer **TO** God, communion **WITH** God, and praise **TOWARD** God.

Private worship differs somewhat from our public devotions – it is more unrestrained, more personal, and more self-oriented. It is "My God and I" as we walk along together, and "He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own, and the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known."

But our public worship is another matter. It is more restricted and must be more guarded so that the assembled worshippers are not deceived or led into a lack of reverence to **THE DEITY**. To be acceptable, it must be in both "Spirit and Truth", that is, it must be in harmony with the Holy Spirit and the Sacred Scriptures.

In short, our corporate worship must be **AUTHORIZED**. We must not invent new items or attitudes of worship. See **Matthew 15:9** for the danger involved with such practices.

Christian music comes under the category of **PRAISE TOWARD GOD** and is an important part of our duty when we assemble. It ought to be enjoyed and participated in by **ALL** worshippers. Learn to sing and **FEEL** it in your soul. Singing **EXPRESSES** emotion. Singing **ELICITS** emotion. Let **ALL** the people sing, should be our rule.

Martin Luther never did a grander thing than when he restored singing to the congregation at the dawn of the

Reformation. One of the most striking marks of Protestant worship ever since has been the joining of the voices of the whole people in praising God on High.

When an Irish Catholic choirmaster wanted to compliment his singers, in a popular movie in the 1950's, he beamed and said, "Aye, ye sing like Protestants". It would be a tragedy to lose this power, but the fact of the matter is, we are losing it.

Congregational singing is declining drastically. In all the churches known to this writer that are embracing the "new-wave worship" the process is accelerating rapidly. Hearty full voiced singing of all the assembly is being replaced with a kind of mere moaning or murmuring on the part of the congregation, while they are deafened by the voices of the "praise band" so-called, that dominates all.

Electronic technology has now made possible a room full of roaring sound, with piercing, penetrating instrumental music that wholly overpowers the sweet sound of human voices making melody to the Lord.

Even in the rare instances now-a-days when there is a single song-leader, he often holds a black "ice-cream cone" mic directly in front of his face and by manipulation of the sound board totally smothers the harmony of the unmagnified voices of the brethren.

In addition, most of these leaders encourage hand clapping which disturbs and diminishes further the sound of praise (very few hand clappers are singers).

Twice in the last week we have heard from believers who love good singing report their experiences in a "new-wave" church, where entertainment seems to have replaced praise, and where instrumental music and electronic methodology have replaced simple singing. What a loss! What can we do to recover before we lose everything?

To learn and know how to sing **Scripturally** should be important to a Christian. It is instructive then to read **Colossians 3:16-17**, and **Ephesians 5:19-20**.

In these passages is given a three-fold classification of Christian praise, with some important attendant additions. So:

PSALMS - Praise songs, usually with instrumental accompaniment, speaking and teaching **ABOUT** God. Examples would be: "Joy to the World", "We're Marching to Zion". There are relatively few of these in our song books.

HYMNS – Prayer/Praise songs, addressed **TO** God in the First Person. These include: "Come Thou Almighty King" and "How Great Thou Art". Some of the greatest compositions in our books are hymns.

SPIRITUAL SONGS – A testimony or exhortation song, addressed to **OTHER** people, a Gospel song. Such a song would be "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" or "In My Heart There Rings a Melody". It is sad to some of us that this class of praise songs is being neglected and forgotten.

The other corollary additional instructions, which will aid us in singing with God's approval and blessing, are also found in these texts in Colossians and Ephesians.

1. Right singing must spring out of the Word – "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly singing..."
2. Right singing will have teaching qualities – "Teaching and admonishing one another..."
3. Right singing will not be silly or simply sentimental – "in all wisdom..."
4. Right signing will include serious **warning** – "admonishing one another..."
5. Right singing is expressive of **Grace** – "With grace in your hearts..."
6. Right singing will include your **heart** – "In your heart to the Lord..."
7. Right singing will **show gratitude and thanksgiving** – "Giving thanks always for all things..."

In every generation and every century there have been good psalms, hymns, and songs written by godly men to encourage, instruct, and inspire other men in praising the Lord. There have been some outstanding praise songs and choruses produced in recent years, and we would not want anyone to misunderstand us in our strictures on some of the abuses which we feel have been allowed to cripple and hobble great singing in some circles today.

We surely have every right to protest the things that are harmful and encourage the things that are Scriptural essentials. And we ought by all means not to forget the rich and time-proven hymns and Gospel songs which have thrilled generations of believers for so long.

By all means, have the new, the fresh, the praise choruses, with enthusiasm and joy and participation from all. But let us also restrict those elements that are damaging the fabric of worship – the extremes – the radical – the vaudevillians – the tawdry, the intrusive noise, and the like. Worship and praise deserve better.

Several years ago I was leading a tour to Europe and the Bible Lands. Included in our itinerary was the beautiful land of Switzerland.

During a bus tour with our group, the guide commented on our singing and asked us if we could sing, "Isn't the Name of Jesus Something Wonderful" which we proceeded to do. She said, "If only the churches of Switzerland had singing like that, they would be filled instead of empty!"

We need to resume the moral of that story!

A "LOT" to Think About



DEAR BROTHER FAULL,

If the Bible talks about casting lots, then why isn't gambling allowed?

ANSWER:

In reality, I'm not trying to give insight to those who have to have a proof text such as "Thou shalt not gamble."

I just can't remember where the verse, "Thou shalt not gamble" is, but it's right under the verse that says, "Thou shalt not look at pornography, neither shalt thou play with an ouija board, nor shalt thou smoke pot or shoot heroin in thy arm nor assist another with suicide".

You see no Biblical authority against a Church body deciding for or against legal money. Would it be okay then to accept prostitution money in Nevada since it is a legal profession? In Alabama gambling is illegal so in that state, the Church would have to refrain from taking the money because it would not be legal money, right?

Do laws make things ethical? Would I want an abortion Doctor's tithes? (I would dis-fellowship him, personally.)

The Jew used the casting of lots as an appeal to God to determine His Will. It was used in selecting the scapegoat, dividing the land by tribes, Jonathan was spared, Achan was exposed, David chose between Priests, Nehemiah used it to determine Priests' duties, and who could come into Jerusalem, even the sailors who threw Jonah overboard - used it to determine His Will. The Apostles used lots for choosing the substitute for Judas.

The Gentiles also used it to decide matters of covetousness such as who got the prisoner, the captive, or the garment of Jesus.

The Jew considered the use of casting of lots to decide a matter of covetousness as a profaning a sacred ordinance that was used to determine the Will of God. They felt it was as though one took the name of the Lord in vain to cast lots.

I believe from **Proverbs 16:33**, "The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof *is* of the LORD", that we can see it was a principle that the casting of lot was intended to be a religious use, not something to promote ones greed. Just as the use of dice is neither moral nor immoral, so it is with casting of lots. We are back to motive.

I agree with Barnes' Notes: "*Still less does the example of the apostles authorize games of hazard, or lotteries, which are positively evil, and attended with ruinous consequences, apart from any inquiry about the lawfulness of the lot. They either originate in, or promote, covetousness, neglect of regular industry, envy, jealousy, disappointment, dissipation, bankruptcy, falsehood, and despair. What is gained by one is lost by another, and both the gain and the loss promote some of the worst passions of man: boasting, triumph, self-confidence, indolence, dissipation, on the one hand; and envy, disappointment, sullenness, desire of revenge, remorse, and ruin, on the other. God intended that man should live by sober toil. All departures from this great law of our social existence lead to ruin.*"

I have written a pamphlet on Gambling if you care to read it, that may help one exercise their senses to good and evil

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THE BEGINNING

**In the beginning
God created the Heavens & the earth
Let there be light
Let dry land appear
He made the sun
Lesser light to rule the night
He made the stars, also
And God created...
Let us make man in Our image
In the midst of the garden
Land of gold
Bdellium and onyx stone
River went out of Eden
Tree of Life
Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil
Fellowship with God
Adam given a bride from his side
Serpent
Sin enters
God's commands were broken
Man cursed
Pain-sorrow given
Death entered
Man seeks his own garments
Tree of Life forbidden
Messiah promised
City built by man
Beautiful garden defiled**

THE END

**I AM the beginning
I saw a new Heaven and a new earth
The Lamb is the Light
There was no more sea (separation)
No need of sun, moon, or stars
No night there
I AM the Bright and Morning Star.
Behold, I make all things new
He is the Firstborn of the brethren
In the midst of the street
Streets of gold
All manner of precious stones
River flows through the city
Tree of Life is there
No temptation there
He will dwell with them
Bride married to Christ
Dragon cast into the fire
Nothing unclean or maketh a lie can enter
God's commandments kept
No more curses
No more pain, sorrow, or weeping
No more death
Clothed in Christ's righteousness
Eat of the fruit
Messiah reigns
City whose Builder and Maker is God
Holy City wherein dwelleth righteousness**