

Psalms 128:1-2

***Blessed is every one who fears the LORD,
Who walks in His ways.
When you eat the labor of your hands,
You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.***

“If I only won the Lotto, I could do so much for the Lord.”

How many of you have thought, or said or even heard others say this?
Now how many of you have read today’s devotional verses before? Read it again and think about the saying we just read.

† ***Blessed is every one who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways. When you eat the labor of your hands, you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.***

Those who desire to play the Lotto are not seeking true happiness according to scripture.

† ***When you eat the labor of your hands, you shall be happy,***

You may be thinking, *“I worked hard for the money to play the Lotto, so it’s the same thing.”*

Not true at all. When you play the Lotto you are desiring to not work and get gains by using what the Lord has blessed you with in a way He does not want you to use it.

Those who play the Lotto and desire to get rich off of it are actually lazy people, because as you read throughout scripture, God has given us the ability to work and earn our paycheck. There are no free handouts for those who are lazy or are wanting to get rich by gambling their hard earned money away.

† ***2 Thessalonians 3:10-12 (MSG) Don't you remember the rule we had when we lived with you? "If you don't work, you don't eat." And now we're getting reports that a bunch of lazy good-for-nothings are taking advantage of you. This must not be tolerated. We command them to get to work immediately—no excuses, no arguments—and earn their own keep.***

Here are a few Proverbs about lazy people, you know those who do not want to work, but they want to have it all anyway, always looking for a handout.

† ***Prov 13:4 The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing;
But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.***

† ***Prov 26:16 The lazy man is wiser in his own eyes
Than seven men who can answer sensibly.***

Those who condone the Lotto and think they will use the money to serve the Lord, are only wise in their own eyes. Because they are doing nothing for the Lord now and they use the excuse of, when I win the Lotto, then I will do for the Lord. Yet, the Lord is not looking for the abundance that we have, but rather He is looking at the abundance of our hearts to give back to Him and minister to others.

So, if you really want to do so much for the Lord, then heed verse one of today's Psalm instead of your own way.

† *Blessed is every one who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways.*

† ***Luke 21:1-4 And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."***