

"For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he made his arrows bright, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver." Ezekiel 21:21 KJV



Many wouldn't think to start a day without checking their horoscope. For others, it's the morning news, Wall Street Journal, or the weather report. "Luck" is nothing more than superstition rooted in demon worship. Loki was the Norse God of mischief who many tout as Lucifer. From these roots come the fear of the number 13 and etc. The king of Babylon used such nonsense to determine his course of action. An animal's acceptability as a sacrifice to their gods was determined by examining the liver to see if it was healthy. Unhealthy animals were, of course, unacceptable. The tossing of a coin, the throw of dice, or the drawing of straws are all evil ways of "divining" outcome. Gambling is an evil way to spend what God has given you to use and that includes your daily decisions. If you do not consult or know God's Word on a particular subject, you are gambling on the outcome of every decision you make without it! This includes shopping. How many times have you bought something just because you WANT it and not because you NEED it and then later found your funds short for a necessity? *"In ALL thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path."* Instead of relying on God's Truth, for decisions, we plunge headlong into a course of action which we've decided based purely on how we feel or the common way of doing it, never considering prayer and study of God's Word! Our lives are a mess, because we run them according to what we *think* is right instead of what *is* right! *"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."* We don't adhere as closely as possible to God's commands, but instead constantly seek ways to do what we want and still maintain the façade of righteous living. By simply saying, "There's nothing wrong with it!" we imply there is a question of its compliance with Truth. We are to *"abstain from ALL APPEARANCE of evil."* If it can appear wrong, it is wrong! Believers are not meant to compromise with nor be tolerant of the world system that surrounds them. We are *IN* the world, not *OF* the world! We don't *HAVE* to get along! What we have to do is obey God. *"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and love the LORD thy God with ALL thine heart"* There is no such thing as "luck!" God orders every consequence of eternity by the immutable law of His divine Word! From natural to spiritual, God's Word determined the outcome of every choice before the world began. Gambling seems chance, but its establishments never lose! Gamble what God provides, and you'll receive no more, including health!

The shortest straw may get the prize,
But God doth order ev'ry life,
In all thy ways acknowledge Him,
And sin can never enter in. -CGP

Have you been fooled into thinking that "common sense" is the best way to make decisions? There is nothing common about Truth's absolutes! The sooner we apply its infallibility to decisions, from parking to praying, the sooner we'll *"conform to the image of His dear Son"* and the sooner God's Peace will demolish all our stress and then *"thou shalt have good success!"*

"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, 'If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.' But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:14-17 KJV