



**Instant
win?**

What amazing ways people use trying to win in the National Lottery. One man who had an astonishing run of success put all possible numbers in a bucket and drew them out at random. Another, a woman who scooped over 2 million pounds, let her little toddler pick the numbers for her. Then there are others who believe that it's the location which counts and they rush to buy their tickets in a "lucky" town.

But whatever system is used the fact has to be faced that the majority of people who do the lottery end up disappointed. Most are eternal optimists, however, and even after a run of failures feel sure that one of these days they are going to strike it rich.

If you are on the lottery trail ask yourself the question, "**What would I do with it if I had a really big win?**". Or maybe you don't need to for you have already fantasised about a new house, a posh car, holidays abroad, and giving up your job. But the one thing you will not be able to buy, however much you win is **HAPPINESS**. In fact it might be just possible you will be far less happy than when you started.

Why should this be? **Jesus Christ** said, "*A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.*" (1)

In other words quality living is not ensured by being surrounded by all the goodies of this world, but it is to be found by meeting the needs of what the Bible calls "*your soul.*" That is why **Jesus** threw out the challenge - a

challenge which is still relevant today – *"What good will it be for a man if he gain the whole world yet forfeits his soul?"* (2)

For it is certain, that that with which we surround ourselves now will all be left behind **one day**. As the Bible puts it, *"Naked a man comes from his mothers womb, and as he comes so he departs."*(3)

But the one thing which is going to last is your never dying soul. God wants you to spend eternity with Him, for that is **true happiness**. As the Psalmist put. it, *"You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."* (4)

To ensure that this could be so, *"God gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."* (5)

Looking for happiness? You have just read God's Word telling you where it can be found. Now you can make it your very own by praying these words from your heart:

"O God. I am a sinner. For too long I have gone my way instead of Your Way. Please forgive me now as I ask your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to be my Saviour. Amen. "

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Bible References:

(1) Luke 12:15. (2) Matthew 16:2. (3) Ecclesiastes 5: 15.

(4) Psalm 16:11. (5) John 3:16.