

Avoid Growing Poor by Trying to Get Rich Quick  
About 3 minutes, applies 2 Thess. 3: 10-11 and Prov. 6: 6

Participants (*No need to memorize lines; read them, as the aim is to inform, not to perform*)

Takechance  
Caring  
Prompter Shout a brief line and Echoes repeat it.  
Echoes Children and all adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script.

Takechance Mr. Caring, I need help.  
When I received Jesus, I quit all my vices except one.

Prompter & Echoes It has him hooked!

Caring Drugs?

Takechance Gambling. Look at these cursed lottery tickets!  
I'll bet on anything! I can't resist it.

Caring Yes you can, Mr. Takechance.  
Trust the Lord to provide without taking from others.

Takechance Taking it? I have not stolen anything since I received Christ, Mr. Caring.

Caring Not directly, but when you win a bet, you take it from someone else.  
You gain, another loses. Your family is lucky; another family lacks.  
Compulsive gambling seeks wealth not by working,  
but by taking it from others.

Prompter & Echoes Someone always loses.

Takechance Yeah, someone always loses and it is usually me.

Caring Gambling becomes a form of laziness, Mr. Takechance.  
Proverbs 6:6 says,  
"Go to the ant, O sluggard. Observe her ways and be wise."

Takechance I always hoped to win big, so I would not have to work anymore.  
You are right, Mr. Caring. I was lazy. Okay, I'll be an ant!

Prompter & Echoes A busy ant!

Caring 2 Thessalonians 3:10-11 says,  
"If one is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.  
Some among you lead an undisciplined life, doing no work at all."

Takechance That me. Yes, I've seen gambling plunge addicts' families into poverty.

Caring Some men, after losing their family's life savings, have committed suicide.

Takechance I've thought about it.

Caring I've been praying for you, Mr. Takechance.  
Now is the time for you to stop idolizing the goddess of luck.  
Will you trust God? Will you let me hold you accountable  
as long as you need it?

Takechance Yes. Each week I'll report my progress to you. Oh, praise God!

Caring Then start right now. Here's a match. Burn those lottery tickets!

Takechance I'll do it. Hear they go, up in smoke! Oh! I've been unshackled!

Prompter & Echoes Freedom!