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Gambler Converted

John knew the **dangers of addiction**. Yet despite his counseling credentials, he had foolishly **let gambling drive him, his wife, and their daughter to near suicide**.

John M. Eades held a doctorate in counseling and for 20 years had worked as a therapist with drug and alcohol addicts. But neither his education nor his professional expertise prevented his descent into **compulsive gambling**. His **downfall began** when friends pestered him to accompany them to a nearby casino. Although Eades never had a proclivity toward gambling before, the urge to deposit quarters in slot machines escalated into repeated casino visits. Within two years he had racked up **\$245,000 in gambling debts on 17 credit cards**. One night, with no credit card availability and after losing all the cash he had brought to the casino, Eades pulled into a rest stop and **reached into the glove compartment for his .357 Magnum**. It was not there. He figured his wife had removed the pistol to prevent his suicide. Upon returning home Eades thanked her for caring enough to spare his life. She responded, "I sold the gun **so we could pay our electric bills**." Soon the **economic strain became too much** for his wife and **she attempted suicide**.

When his adult **daughter was missing during a suicide attempt**, Eades **turned to God and prayed fervently** and sincerely. A series of **miracles resulted**. Eades now regularly attends church, reads the Bible and prays. "I don't think anybody really changes without **spiritual transformation from God**," he says. "The ones who change are those who had a **conversion experience, repented of their sins** and asked God to forgive them." —AG-NEWS #466

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