Life's constant good is my winning ticket

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When I learned that I'd won first prize in a raffle, you could have knocked me down with a feather—especially as I hadn't even bought a ticket. I'd given a donation to the local softball team here in Australia, and apparently one of the organizers had decided to thank me by entering my name in the draw. Now I had to decide what to do with my winnings—A$25 worth of petrol.

I'd never won anything before in my life. That's because I never buy raffle or lottery tickets. In addition, I grew up seeing the adverse effects gambling had on my father. His addiction to gambling eroded his marriage to my mother and broke our family apart. So as I grew older, I decided that betting, bingo, lotteries and casino games appealed to the hope that one *might* get lucky. I wanted to see the good in my life as entirely unrelated to chance.

Buying into the notion of good luck has a flip side—bad luck. To me, belief in either type of luck presumes life is nothing more than a series of random, unexpected incidents. If people get lucky for no apparent reason, that implies that good is accidental.

Divine Love never fluctuates.

As I considered whether I should accept the prize, I thought of what the Bible teaches about God. God, the Bible says, is good, the source and supplier of all that is right, wholesome and beneficial. His constant goodness is illustrated in the twenty-third Psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want...Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life..."

God's very nature as divine Love never fluctuates, nor is it subject to accidents or flukes. Consequently, blessings aren't created only for some people and not others. Sustenance, good health and harmonious relationships are actually natural for me—and everyone—to experience, because they're God-given.

I thought about the times I'd needed a job and found one. And the time my husband and I had untangled ourselves from a big financial mess. It wasn't luck that provided solutions. It was confidence in the ideas we'd learned from studying Christian Science, which explains the nature of God. Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer of Christian Science, wrote in her book *Science and Health*, "Divine Love always has met, and always will meet every human need."

Luck had no part in the good in my life.

I knew my Father-Mother God had ample provision for me. The outpouring of His goodness is constant and certain. His love for me had always been steadfast. This showed me that luck had no part in the good in my life. I knew I didn't need to buy a raffle or scratch ticket on the off chance that I might obtain something good. I didn't need luck to make me feel truly secure.

My divine Parent had a super inheritance of goodness for me, and it had nothing to do with winning or losing, good luck or bad luck, fate or predestination. All the good I would ever need was mine, because I was God's child.

So what did I do with the A$25 worth of petrol? I donated it back to the team, to help transport them to their next match. Did I feel deprived? Not at all. I always expect to have the means to purchase petrol

for the family car. And I am absolutely sure that divine Love is maintaining my health and usefulness, harmonizing family life, ensuring my safety and supplying me with all the good I need.

The constancy of God's care:
Science and Health:
424:5-11
494:10
206:28-30
King James Bible:
Ps 23:1-6
Ps 143:10
Zeph 3:17
I John 4:16

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