

Don't Get Greedy

A money management system
for **keeping** what you **won**
at **blackjack**.

Short and Sweet
without the bullshit.

You won't win big
(unless you're already rich
and can put up the stakes!)
but it's **steady** and **reliable**.

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INTRODUCTION

This ebook will run you the cost of a single hand of blackjack—without even doubling down!—but what you learn may earn you thousands in the years to come . . . if you can control yourself.

Me, I can't control myself.

I've learned that the hard way, which is to say, in my life as an adult, I've learned over and over again that I can't control myself in a casino. So these days, I stay away, far away!

But there was a period of a few weeks, many years ago, during which I managed to assert an iron discipline upon myself, even going to the casino every night of the week.

During this time, I employed the money management system that I'll describe in this ebook—and *I came out ahead every single night for over three weeks.*

I would enter the casino with a modest stake of \$200 cash in my pocket.

I would sit at the \$10 table and buy in for \$100.

I was not extravagant—I simply placed my bets according to the system I'd devised.

I was rigorously mindless about it, in fact, never deviating from the system. I played my hands in the normal way.

Over the course of (usually) a few hours (but sometimes just a few minutes!), through various ups and downs, my stake would grow from that initial \$200 to anywhere from \$300–\$600.

Often, I didn't even need to dig in to the second half of my stake; the initial buy-in was enough.

And here's the amazing part: *satisfied with my modest winnings, I'd go home!*

In this way, starting from an initial stake of \$200, over the course of three or four weeks, I amassed over \$4000 cash in an envelope, which I kept in my desk drawer.

Maybe that all sounds stupid to you, maybe you were hoping to learn how to make thousands off that \$100 stake. Well, you should have bought a different book then! You know, card-counting or something. Whatever the M.I.T. grad students are into these days.

I was like that, too—I wanted the big bucks, I got impatient with the small but substantial gains and started

flailing away from the system, a little bit at first . . . then a little bit more . . . and the monster inside me came out . . . the whole idea of “money management” went out the window . . . and I lost that \$4000 along with an uncomfortable amount more.

And I realized gambling just isn't for me. I'm too liable to go crazy—there's something of a death wish for me in the act of gambling.

During that few weeks when I was doing so well with this money management system, the perverse desire to lose (a.k.a. Gambling Addiction) was sleeping, biding its time, allowing me to fool myself that I was approaching gambling intellectually, as a game, a diversion, an entertainment—which is how gambling *should* be.

But as I said, the monster came out. I came to believe it was *me* winning, as opposed to the system, when in fact, *it was entirely the system and my faithful adherence to it that had brought about my winning streak.*

So I'm simply not disciplined enough to successfully employ this system, but if you are, then over the long haul, you will make out quite nicely, I think.

Just remember, though: **Don't get greedy.** Win what

you can in a few hours of pleasant play, and go home with your winnings. If you lose your stake, don't hit the ATM, just go home. You can regroup later when your frame of mind is more neutral and positive.

If you're not a gambling addict, it won't be difficult to leave.

If you are a gambling addict, well, I think you know exactly what's going to happen if you walk into a casino—regardless of the “system” you're planning to use. Maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow, but at some point soon, you'll be hurting with only yourself to blame.

So you know yourself pretty well. Are you an addict or not? If not, I encourage you to try this system—I think you'll be pleasantly rewarded.

If you're an addict, however, this system won't help you any more than any other system ever has because you won't be able to stick to it. You'll find some way to lose, and my advice is to stay away from casinos altogether.

The House always wins, right? We all know that.

Why does it win? The rules of the games set the odds against the player.

Yes, the games are stacked in the House's favor, but

there's a stronger reason for the House's assured victory: the players, deep down, pretty much expect to lose. They bring in a stake that they can afford to part with and don't dip into "scared money" when it's gone. Because they know the House is going to win.

But there's the chance that on a given night, the player might come out ahead and even manage to walk out the door with those winnings in his or her pocket! And that's what keeps them coming back.

The entire purpose of my money management system is to give you a chance to win at blackjack every night, or at least most nights.

Well, I'm not gonna waste your time anymore with chit-chat. On to the system.

(I'm assuming, by the way, that you know the basics of blackjack strategy. This isn't a book on strategy, just money management. There is a Generally Accepted Practice for blackjack strategy, with which any serious player is well-acquainted. You already know how to play rationally, right, so I won't go into that stuff. If you don't, you'd better get a book on it and study it until you know it cold. Seriously!)