Chasing - It's not just about the money: Clinical reflections

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Abstract

Henry Lesieur's book, The Chase: Career of the Compulsive Gambler (1984), focuses on the financial aspects of pathological gamblers’ increasingly desperate need to win or get even. This essay suggests that the concept of "chasing" can be extended to explore how gamblers chase in their attempt to meet emotional and spiritual needs. Clinical case examples are presented and implications for treatment are discussed.

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Chasing – It’s not just about the money: Clinical reflections. Article. Feb 2004. Since little has been written about the therapist-patient relationship in the treatment of pathological gambling, we shall describe what we have found to be some of the common and problematic transference and countertransference reactions and interactions. Both positive and negative transferences and countertransferences will be discussed not only as obstacles to successful therapy, but as tools for understanding patients’ conflicts, defenses and reasons for gambling. Money. It’s one of the hardest things to balance (or accumulate) when you’re an entrepreneur or small business owner. While you need money to keep an entrepreneurial dream alive, you also can’t become consumed by it. Too many people lose sight of what they are passionate about amid the ongoing effort to build monetary wealth. When Apple came up with the Mac, IBM was spending at least 100 times more on R&D. It’s not about money. It’s about the people you have, how you’re led, and how much you get it.” - Steve Jobs, Co-founder and CEO Apple.

2. “I mean nobody likes to fail, but the worst thing was I lost my investors’ money and these were people that believed in this young guy that was passionate about this idea… Clinical Experience Reflection Journal. Name: Date: Week. 1. Choose one patient (new mother, newborn, or pregnant/laboring woman) and identify the priority problem. What did you contribute toward resolving or easing the problem? N/A for this week. …Clinical Journal One Milford Regional Medical Center The nursing process is an assessment, diagnosis, plan, implementation and evaluation of our patients. As a practical nursing student this is something we are learning and improving on daily. Assessment is the most important part of the nursing process. Please do not just copy and paste the definition. 1. Gravity-1.The force that attracts a body toward the center of the earth, or toward any other physical body having mass.