Entanglement: Too much of anything other than God could be toxic

Editors Note: This is the second column in a four-part series about entanglement.

No man that wrestles entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

2 Timothy 2:4

We used to have a full service gas station in our community. It was called Grugin’s. It was a friendly place, and it was very convenient. Over the years, I have become friends with the family that owned the place.

As a kid, that was my favorite place to buy candy. I would go as often as I could. Then one day, I notice a bunch of teenagers huddle in the back of the store. As I got closer, they were huddled around this huge TV thing. I could tell that the buttons controlled the cartoon-like characters on the screen. That was my first introduction to an arcade machine.

I was instantly intrigued. The teenagers were so tall so I couldn’t really see that good. I would peak through the cracks of their little huddle. It looked so fun. I noticed that they would put coins in the bottom of it. That must be what allowed them to play.

One day, as I was making my candy run, I walked in and looked to the right and no one was back there. The arcade machines were open! Now, I had a dilemma. Candy or the game? I just had to try this arcade machine. I put my coin in and I was playing! Oh, how fun it was! I used another coin. Then another.

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