

Richard Lustig, 7-Time Lottery Winner, Gives Tips On Winning The Powerball Jackpot



An Orlando man is offering up some tips on how to win the Powerball jackpot, which is up to a record \$550 million.

Seven-time Lottery Game Grand Prize winner Richard Lusting has some advice on how to increase one's odds of winning.

"Luck has nothing to do with it," he told WKMG Orlando.

He advises treating the lottery like it's a job, playing each and every week, according to WKMG.

"Playing smart" each week includes sticking to a budget and only buying the amount of tickets one can afford.

"You don't want to wake up Thursday morning and realize you're a loser and then pull your hair out trying to replace the money you spent," he told WKMG.

On Tuesday morning, the seven-time winner disclosed some lotto secrets for Powerball players on "Good Morning America."

Here are four rules he says to stick to (via WPTV):

- Pick your own numbers instead of having the machine do it for you
- Research and see if your numbers have won before
- Select your ten sets of numbers and keep those if you continue buying tickets
- Buy as many tickets as you can afford

Lustig also spoke with Fox News' "Fox and Friends," advising lotto hopefuls against Quick Picks.

"Always pick the same numbers," he said on Tuesday. "Don't play Quick Picks. When you play Quick Picks, your odds are always going to be at their worst."

Lustig recommends staying away from sequences that have already come up, according to Fox 4 WFTX-TV.

Lottery players can research past winning numbers online. "Luck has absolutely nothing to do with it," he said. "How can anybody in their right mind say this guy's won seven times he's just a lucky guy? Come on. Nobody can be that lucky."

Despite Lustig's lotto tips, the odds of winning the \$550 million Powerball jackpot --which is likely to increase as last-minute buyers scurry to purchase their tickets before the

drawing Wednesday night --are one in 1755 million.

For perspective, a person is more likely to birth identical quadruplets, become president of the United States, drown in a bathtub or find a four-leaf clover than score a winning ticket.

Lustig shares more lottery-winning tips in his book, "Learn How To Increase Your Chances of Winning the Lottery."

Update: The Powerball jackpot increased to \$550 million on Wednesday. This story has been updated to reflect this change.