

# **The Big Game**

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## I. Introduction.

A. Subject: the big game of life.

B. Text: Hebrews 12:1.

## II. Life is a game in a sense.

A. God is on the other side - He is just and fair, but he never overlooks a mistake.

B. The goal in life is life eternal.

1. There is hardly a cause in the world we would die for.

2. Our goal ought to be to glorify God and serve our fellow man.

C. The game of life requires discipline.

1. Jesus said that the Christian must deny his ambitions.

2. Paul said that he kept his body disciplined.

D. The game of life requires precision.

1. The way is narrow.

2. Living a decent life is not good enough - you must be born again.

E. The game of life has rules.

1. Without rules there would be chaos.

2. God has rules for living.

F. The game of life has opponents.

1. You are a big opponent to yourself because you are selfish.

2. The Devil is against you.

3. The world is an enemy of your soul. (James 4)

4. Resist the Devil, crucify the flesh and flee the world.

G. The game of life has a score that is kept.

1. God keeps the score.
2. Nothing will be hidden.

H. The game of life has a reward.

1. Joy is being sought as a reward, but we do not find it inside of us.
2. There is no peace in this world.
3. God can bring you peace no matter the struggle in this world.
4. More than this, God can give us eternal life and heaven.
5. Eternity is an unimaginably wonderful thing.

I. The game of life has spectators.

1. There are those for you.
2. There are those against you.
3. You must receive Christ to win the game of life.
4. Come today to receive Christ.

### **Application questions**

1. How is life like a game? What key features stand out?

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2. What must one do to find victory in the game of life?

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3. Have you received Christ? If not, what is keeping you from doing so today - which opponent do you find too strong? Is this reason good enough?

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