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The Game of Life

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Have you ever played Milton Bradley's, "The Game of LIFE?" Probably you have at some point. This game has been around a long time -- since 1860! The object of this game is to cause its players to make several important "life decisions" and teach them several important "life lessons," while having fun all at the same time. Some of those decisions and lessons were:

- Whether to go straight to work, or go to college first.
- Paydays are typically better for those who go to college.
- Whether to buy or not to buy health/life insurance.
- Having children can bring benefits as well as liabilities.
- Life has many unexpected setbacks, as well as serendipitous blessings.
- And ultimately, the decisions you make in life will determine whether you will wind up in a "Millionaire's Mansion" or the "Poor House."

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But one lesson this game didn't teach us; in fact, the most important lesson of all is this...
When the game is over, everything goes back in the box!

No matter how good you were at this game; no matter how much money you were able to accumulate; no matter who you were able to beat; at the end of the game, you had to put everything you had accumulated back in the box.

Friends, now that's the greatest lesson you'll ever learn from "The Game of LIFE." No matter what you're able to accomplish in life; no matter how much money you are able to earn in your lifetime; no matter how many people you competed against and over which you were victorious; when your life is over, it all goes "back in the box." You take none of it with you. Then you'll stand before your Maker.

So, how well are you doing at the "game of life?"

*The idea for this article came from a video I watched on the following website <http://cryptik.squarespace.com>. (I am not endorsing anything on this website, simply giving them credit for the idea).