

RAISING IN ARIZONA - Part 4
"Get In The Game!"
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BIG IDEA:
DISCIPLINE IS **FOR** YOUR CHILDREN...
...NOT **TO** YOUR CHILDREN!

Hebrews 12 (NLT) The ultimate goal of discipline is self-discipline!

Three roles I play as a parent in discipline:

Role 1: Grounds Crew - I must mark off and explain the boundary lines.

Proverbs 29:15 (NLT)

Some Points of Application:

- * Lines must be clear and repeated consistently.
- * Both parents need to enforce the lines.
- * Lines must be reasonable.

Role 2: Referee - Call out fouls of wrong behavior and enforce penalties of correction.

Proverbs 13:24 (NLT)

Some Points of Application:

- * Be consistent.
- * A disrespectful attitude can be more of a foul than bad behavior.
- * Call a tight game.

Role 3: Coach - Take advantage of teachable moments.

Proverbs 22:6 (NLT)

Some Points of Application:

- * Mistakes are moments for learning, not disciplining.
- * This role never stops if done well.

Am I ready for GAME DAY?
Am I Ready to be in the GAME of discipline?

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For further study of today's message

ENTRY POINT: God's rules are given to us in His Word, His "playbook." How well do you play your position?

Read Hebrews 12:1-13.

How do you understand the game God has set before us? What, according to **Hebrews 12**, is the first, the last, and the only thing we need to do in order to "execute" the play?

How do you keep fit for the position God has chosen for you as a parent? How do you remain "coachable" by God?

"Time out" is a call frequently made by parents with their children, for the purpose of giving them time to think about what they have done and to consider their next move. Time out with God is a discipline we all should celebrate! How does God use your timeouts with Him as an opportunity to correct and encourage you?

In what areas do you get the most "personal fouls?" The most penalties (discipline) for "misconduct?"

What is your attitude towards God's discipline? In your view of God, how do you see His love and discipline combined?

*"Let us run with endurance
the race that God has set before us.
We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus,
on whom our faith depends from start to finish."
Hebrews 12:1b-2a*