

Two Masters – A Melodrama

A script to illustrate one of Jesus's most puzzling messages: Luke 16:1-13

(To be performed first in a two part series)

Characters

Narrator, Rich Man, Manager, Bob (Debtor 1), Sherry (Debtor 2), Popcorn Throwers

Props Needed:

Melodramatic costumes for all characters, Melodramatic signs for popcorn throwers, Popcorn, Notebook or ledger, Pen or pencil

The Play

Narrator: One day a rich, successful business man was looking over his books and discovered that the man he had trusted to manage his affairs had been up to no good...

Rich Man: You've been cooking the books! You're Fired!

Popcorn Throwers: Take that, you scoundrel!

Manager: Oh no! What will I do? ... Ah, I have a plan... So that my friends will help me once I am out of a job, this is what I will do ...

Bob walks by

Manager: Hey there, Bob, how much wheat do you owe my boss?

Bob: I owe him 100 containers of wheat. Why do you ask?

Manager: Quick, scratch this out, and make it just 80.

Bob excitedly changes the total on the ledger, and hurries away smiling

Popcorn Throwers: See... that is what got you in trouble in the first place! You're a cheater! You're a thief!

Sherry walks by as Bob is leaving

Manager: Hey Sherry, how much olive oil do you owe my boss?

Sherry: I owe him 100 jugs of olive oil. You're not going to lower that are you?

Manager: Quick! Here! Make it just 50.

Sherry eagerly changes the total on the ledger, and hurries away happily.

Popcorn Throwers: Booooo.... Booo.... You're in big trouble now! Your Boss is coming! Hahahahahaahaha!

Rich Man enters looking very impressed.

Rich Man: I was watching you just now, and I have to tell you, that's very impressive!

Popcorn Throwers: Huh?

Narrator: Be here next week for a flaming hot, and not quite so confusing, tale of another rich man.

The Choice – A Not-So-Mellow Melodrama

A script to illustrate the sad story of a Rich Man's pleas: Luke 16: 19-31

(To be performed second in a two part series)

Characters

Narrator, Popcorn Throwers, Rich Man, Lazarus (poor man), Abraham

Props Needed:

Melodramatic costumes for all, Popcorn, Melodramatic signs for popcorn throwers, Shackles for Rich Man

The Play

Narrator: Last week, we confused our dear popcorn throwers with a story of honest shrewdness.

Popcorn Throwers: Yeah... that one kind of got us... but I think we're pretty clear now...

Narrator: But today, it's time for a simple story of Good and Bad ...

Popcorn Thrower: Whew... I'm all about simple...

Narrator: Sit back, and take in our tale of what happens when a fool serves anything but God.

Popcorn Thrower *(as Rich Man enters, tortured and in shackles):* Yeah, take that, you fool...

Abraham and Lazarus enter and look sadly upon Rich Man...

Rich Man: Father Abraham, please have mercy upon me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am in agony in these flames of Hades!

Abraham: Child, remember that during your lifetime you received many good things, and Lazarus received many evil things. It is agony for us both to know that there is simply nothing we can do for you.

Lazarus remains silent, yet shows his agreement through sad gestures

Rich Man: Then, Father Abraham, please send Lazarus to my five brothers as they are still alive, and warn them to never serve any master but God.

Abraham: No, dear child, if your brothers will not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if Lazarus were to rise from the dead.

Rich Man wails in agony.... Abraham and Lazarus leave sadly...

Popcorn Throwers: That is some heavy stuff ...