

# “THE ELECTION DEBATE”

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## **Synopsis**

Two candidates (Mr. Carnal Flesh and Mr. Divine Spirit) are engaged in an electoral debate. They want to win the opportunity to govern our lives today. Now we must cast our vote (make our choice) based on each candidate's position on issues that are important to us. Who will you vote for?

## **Scripture(s)**

Romans 7:14-25

## **Ministry Lesson**

Like Paul, we too struggle with our carnal nature. We often find ourselves doing what we don't want to do and not doing what we know we should do. When presented with choices in life, though we are saved, we still struggle to choose (vote for) the spirit over the flesh.

## **Ministry Focus**

Freedom from sin

**Genre:** Comedy

## **Cast**

Moderator - Female (professional persona)  
Carnal Man - Male (cool and laid-back)  
Spirit Man - Male (confident)  
Reporter 1 - Male or female  
Reporter 2 - Female  
Reporter 3 - Male or female (British accent)

## **Costumes**

Everyone is dressed in professional business attire.

## **Props**

Writing pads, pens  
4 Chairs  
2 podiums (preferred, but not required)

**Time:** 10 mins.

## **Production Notes:**

There are several ways to stage this debate.

Panel Setup - Have the reporters positioned on stage to question the candidates.

Press Conference Setup - Have the reporters scattered throughout the congregation question the candidates.

Town Hall Meeting Setup - Have three persons (non-reporters) "planted" in the congregation to ask questions of the candidates.

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INT. - COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

STAGING FOR A "PRESS CONFERENCE", THE TWO CANDIDATES ARE STANDING CENTER STAGE (PODIUMS DESIRED, BUT NOT REQUIRED). THE MODERATOR IS SEATED AT A TABLE (STAGE RIGHT). THE PANEL OF REPORTERS ARE SEATED THROUGH-OUT THE CONGREGATION.

**MODERATOR**

Welcome Ladies and Gentlemen to the DAILY electoral debate for the office of Governor of Your Life. My name is [state name] and I will be the moderator of this debate. Now let me introduce the two candidates who wish to be the Governor of Your Life today, October 22, 2006. First, representing the Self-Fulfillment Party, Mr. Carnal Flesh. *(He steps forward and waves to the audience)*. Representing the New Freedom Party, Mr. Divine Spirit *(he steps forward and waves to the audience)*. At this time we will have opening remarks by each candidate. Mr. Flesh will go first. *(Moderator sits down)*.

**FLESH**

(Energetic)

Thank you, Madame Moderator. My fellow citizens, I stand before you again this morning desiring to govern your life today. First, let me thank those of you who voted for me yesterday. Didn't we have a good time! Now, I realize you had a few problems yesterday, but it wasn't your fault, others are to blame.

FLESH (cont'd)

Nevertheless, you also did many things that made you feel good. That's what the Self-Fulfillment Party is all about. Vote for me and I'll give you the opportunity to do what you want, when you want, and the way you want! Thank you.

**MODERATOR**

Now will we hear the opening remarks from Mr. Spirit.

**SPIRIT**

(Gracious)

Thank you, Madame Moderator. Dear friends, I too stand before you today pleading for your vote to govern your life. The incumbent, Mr. Flesh, has had many opportunities to improve your quality of life and has failed. The problems you faced yesterday will reoccur today and everyday. He does not represent the Self-Fulfillment Party, but rather a self-defeating party. I come to offer you a new hope and a new way of life. That's what the New Freedom Party is all about. Thank you.

**MODERATOR**

Thank you Mr. Spirit. In this first televised debate, our candidates have agreed to answer questions from the various News organizations in our audience. At this time I will open the floor for questions.

REPORTER #1 RAISES HIS/HER HAND AND IS ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE MODERATOR. REPORTER STANDS AND READS QUESTION FROM A SMALL PAD.

**REPORTER #1**

(very professional)

Good Morning. My name is [name] Senior Editor from the Associated Press. The economy is in the worst condition ever. Inflation is rising and the unemployment rate is at an all time high. In these tough economic times, how can I justify paying tithes to the church?

**MODERATOR**

Mr. Flesh.

**FLESH**

Great question, and the answer is "you can't"! How can you pay your bills and do what you want to do if you keep giving your money away? Truthfully speaking, God doesn't need your money...you need your money! That's what the Self-Fulfillment Party is all about...giving you more of what you need.

**MODERATOR**

Mr. Spirit.

**SPIRIT**

I agree that times are hard, unemployment is high, and people are struggling. However, God has already promised to bless you exceedingly if you tithe. Many hardships exist because people have forfeited their blessings.

SPIRIT (cont'd)

Your giving should be a measure of your  
faith not your finances.

**MODERATOR**

Thank you Mr. Spirit. Thank you [name].  
Do we have another question from the  
floor?

REPORTER #2 RAISES HER HAND AND IS ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE  
MODERATOR. REPORTER STANDS AND READS QUESTION FROM A SMALL  
PAD.

**REPORTER 2**

Hello, my name is [name], from CNN. Mr.  
Flesh and Mr. Spirit, the latest  
published study by the US Census Bureau  
states that 50% of first time marriages  
fail. With such a high rate of divorce  
what's the point of getting married?

**MODERATOR**

Mr. Flesh.

**FLESH**

Great question. There's no point and  
therefore you shouldn't! Why waste your  
time and pay all that money just to have  
a wedding, and later, pay even more  
money to get divorced. Just live  
together. If things don't work, just  
get out of it. Use the money you saved  
and book a cruise with your friends to  
the Bahamas. That's what the Self-  
Fulfillment Party is all about...your  
self satisfaction.

**MODERATOR**

Mr. Spirit.

**SPIRIT**

The institution of marriage was established by God, not by man. Therefore the success of marriage is not based on man's statistics, but by the power of God. The high divorce rate is not a reflection of the failure of the institution of marriage, but the failure of man to give God control of their life and their marriage. Living together" as my opponent calls it, is against the law of God, the will of God, and outside of the blessings of God. God desires your marriage to last forever and if you seek His help it can.

**MODERATOR**

Thank you Mr. Spirit. Now we will have our last and final question.

REPORTER #3 RAISES HIS/HER HAND AND IS ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE MODERATOR. REPORTER STANDS AND READS QUESTION FROM A SMALL PAD.

**REPORTER 3**

*(speaking with a British accent)* Thank you Madame Moderator. [state your name] from the British Broadcasting Corporation, or the BBC as we call it in jolly 'ole England. To the candidates, a most important question, yet a simple one....

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- End of Preview -

As the candidates continue to answer life's important questions and give their final remarks, the audience must decide; who will win the election for their heart.

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