

“SAVE YOUR DOLLARS”

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Synopsis

The Dollar Family is having the funeral for Grandpa-1 Dollar. Grandpa's grand-children (Shopper-50 Dollars, Vacationer-100 Dollars, and Drinker-20 Dollars) show up for Grandpa's funeral. They feel very uncomfortable because they haven't been in church in years. However, they are touched by the Pastor's eulogy. Each Dollar decides to be "saved" (donated to church).

Scripture(s): Matthew 6:19-21

Ministry Lesson

Why do people often donate one or two dollars in church (to God) but will easily spend dollars of higher currency on earthly things that are here today and gone tomorrow. This hilarious (over-the-top) sketch emphasis the need for people to tithe.

Ministry Focus: Tithing, Giving

Genre: Comedy

Cast

Pastor - Male or Female
Church Mother-1 Dollar - Female (60+, church mother type)
Shopper-50 Dollar - Female
Drinker-20 Dollar - Male
Vacationer-100 Dollar - Female
Church Secretary - Female
Child - Girl or Boy (5-10)
Church Trustee - Male or Female
Other adults or kids (optional)

Costumes

- Pastor - Robe or suit/dress
- Secretary - Sunday dress with high heel shoes
- Church Mother-1 Dollar - Green tee-shirt imprinted with "\$1".
- Drinker-20 Dollar - Green tee-shirt imprinted with "\$20".
- Shopper-50 Dollar - Green tee-shirt imprinted with "\$50".
- Vacationer-100 Dollar - Green tee-shirt imprinted with "\$100".
- Child - White tee shirts imprinted with a coin value
- Other adults (friends) are dressed in normal church attire.

Props

Podium
Chairs (2-3 per row)
Funeral programs
Pastor - bible
Secretary - Funeral programs
Church Mother-1 Dollar - church hat, walking cane
Drinker-20 Dollar - six pack of Budweiser beer
Shopper-50 Dollar - lots of department store shopping bag
Vacationer-100 Dollar - beach bag, sun hat, sun glasses, and a beach drink, Margarita (with the little umbrella).

Sound Effect

Soft "funeral" music (CD or played by church organist)

Time: 10 min.

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INT. CHURCH SANCTUARY

(the stage is setup with 2-3 rows of chairs (facing the audience) to accommodate the cast. A podium is positioned opposite site of stage)

SOUND EFFECT: SOFT MUSIC

THE CHURCH SECRETARY IS STRAIGHTENING UP THE CHAIRS. SHE PLACES A PROGRAM IN EACH CHAIR. TIDYING UP THE PODIUM.

THE DOLLAR FAMILY ENTERS. CHURCH MOTHER-1 IS GRIEVING. SHE IS BEING COMFORTED BY SHOPPER-50. DRINKER-20 IS CLUTCHING A BAG CONTAINING COUPLE BEERS. HE IS WIPING THE TEARS FROM HIS EYES. OTHERS FOLLOW, GRIEVING AS WELL.

CHURCH SECRETARY GREETES EACH PERSON AND POINTS THEM TO A SEAT. CHURCH MOTHER-1 IS SEATED ON THE FIRST ROW. OTHERS ARE SEATED IN OPEN CHAIRS.

AFTER EVERYONE IS SEATED, THE PASTOR ENTERS AND STANDS BEHIND THE PODIUM. THE SECRETARY TAKES A SEAT NEXT TO CHURCH MOTHER-1 DOLLAR.

SOUND EFFECT: MUSIC ENDS

PASTOR

Dear family and friends, we have gathered this morning to celebrate the life of the patriarch of the Dollar family...Grandpa-1 Dollar.

THE FAMILY MOURNS - EXCESSIVELY

PASTOR (CONT'D)

Grandpa-1Dollar was not big time currency. He was just 1 Dollar, but he was Gooood's dollar. Can I get a witness? (*everyone says "Amen"*). He spent time with the Lord, traveling from offering plate to offering plate. Grandpa-1Dollar was never big enough to be a Tithe but he served faithfully as a Love Offering. (*cast responds in agreement*) After 75 years of faithful service, God has called him out of circulation.

PASTOR (CONT'D)

At this time, we will have the reading
of the obituary by the church secretary.

PASTOR TAKES A SEAT AND THE CHURCH SECRETARY DAINILY STEPS
UP TO THE PODIUM.

SECRETARY

Thank you Pastor. (Clears her throat)
Grandpa-1Dollar was printed and placed
into circulation on March 17, 19xx
[calculate 75 years from current year]
in *[any city/state]*. He was donated to
the *[name of your church]* repeatedly
until his retirement and departure from
circulation. He leaves to mourn his
wife, Church Mother-1 Dollar...

CHURCH MOTHER-1 DOLLAR STANDS AND GIVES GOD THE PRAISE. SHE
IS HELPED BACK TO HER SEAT.

One faithful daughter; Missionary-5
Dollar who is serving in Africa.
And 3 grandchildren; Shopper-50
Dollar...

(SHOPPER-50 STANDS)

SHOPPER-50

(stands up, fanning impatiently) Thank
you dear, but could you please hurry?
Macy's is having a sale today. (sits)

SECRETARY

...and Vacationer-100 Dollar.

(VACATIONER-100 STANDS)

VACATIONER-100

I feel so sad. I think I need to book
another trip to Hawaii just to cheer up.
(Takes a sip of her Margarita).

CHILD

Mama, can we go to Disney World again?

VACATIONER-100

Why sure dear. We'll take a Disney
Cruise this time!

SECRETARY

And Drinker-20 Dollar...

(DRINKER-20 STANDS)

DRINKER-20

(Pulls out beer from bag) Grandpa! This
Buds for you! *(Holds up a can of beer,
takes a sip and sits down. Of course he
doesn't really drink beer in church!)*

SECRETARY

And a host of other small change.

(KIDS STANDS AND CRY OUT "GRANDPA")

SECRETARY (CONT'D)

Pastor....

SECRETARY RETURNS TO HER SEAT.

PASTOR

Thank you Sister Secretary. (opens
bible) I just want to share a brief word
from Matthew the 6th chapter and 19-21st
verses..."Where's Your Treasure". The
bible says, don't store up treasures in
earthly things that are here today and
gone tomorrow. Place your treasure in
heaven, where it will yield everlasting
blessings For wherever your treasure is,
there your heart and thoughts will be
also.

PASTOR (CONT'D)

Dear friends, Grandpa-1 Dollar...was a gift to God. (ad-lib, "Oh yes he was")

PASTOR'S PICKS UP THE ENERGY

He was given during morning service, evening service, the church anniversary, men's day and women's day. Whenever there was a need, Grandpa-1 Dollar was there. But Gooood is asking, where's your treasure? Can I get a witness? (cast responds) Is your treasure in heaven or in the things of this world? In Luke, the bible says if you give yourself to the Lord, your blessing will be...*(Pastor and people pantomime each phrase).. Pressed down, (pumps hands downward) Shaken together (do a twist shake), and Running over (runs in place).* Can I get an Amen? (cast responds) Can I get a "Thank you Jesus"? (cast responds)

THE PASTOR BEGINS TO MOAN OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

SECRETARY

(Jumps up) Praise the Lord Pastor, let the Spirit have His way!

PASTOR

(Recovers) It's not the Spirit...I just bit my tongue by mistake....

- End of Preview -

Will the Dollars accept the Pastor's plea to give themselves to Christ? There's a hilarious ending and plea to the church congregation to give more than a few dollars as a donation; bring the big money to church to be saved!
