

“SOUL INSURANCE”

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Synopsis

We all need insurance; for our home, car, and life. However, the Harris' soon realize they are missing the most important insurance of all; insurance to guarantee their soul will go to heaven when they die.

Scripture

Psalms 32:1-2

Ministry Lesson

We are eternal beings. Although our physical body will die someday, our soul will live forever. We must receive God's gift of salvation (Jesus Christ) to ensure our soul will spend eternity in heaven.

Ministry Focus

Salvation

Genre: Comedy

Cast:

Mr. Johnson (salesman)

Blanche (wife)

Earl (husband)

Earl and Blanche Harris are an older southern couple that lives out on a farm. Both speak with heavy southern accents.

Costumes

Mr. Johnson is dressed in suit.

Earl is dressed in overall and suspenders

Blanche is dressed an old sweater and pants for house cleaning

Props

Table and chair

Newspaper

Briefcase

Business cards

Broom and dust cloth

False teeth

Time: 7 mins.

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INT. FAMILY ROOM

EARL IS SEATED IN A CHAIR RELAXING AND READING A NEWSPAPER.
BLANCHE IS SCURRYING AROUND TRYING TO TIDY UP THE ROOM.

EARL

(Irritated)

What in the world are you doing?

BLANCHE

I don't want him to see this mess.

EARL

Him who?

BLANCHE

Mr. Johnson.

EARL

Who in the world is Mr. Johnson?

BLANCHE

You know, the insurance salesman I met
in the city on the bus.

EARL

(Folds up newspaper) There you go again!
Blanche, you keep falling for these con
artists. There are certain people you
just can't trust: politicians, lawyers,
and salesmen. Especially salesmen that
ride the bus.

BLANCHE

(easy touch)

...but he looked so honest.

EARL

That's all part of the con, sweetie pie.

SOUND EFFECT: DOOR BELL OR HARD KNOCK

BLANCHE

(Straightens up her clothes and hair)
He's here. Honey, tidy up your
newspaper.

EARL MURMURS HIS DISSATISFACTION OF HAVING HIS PEACEFUL EVENING INTERRUPTED. HE MAKES A WEAK ATTEMPT TO TIDY UP THE SCATTERED NEWSPAPER, THEN HE SETTLES BACK TO FINISH READING. BLANCHE OPENS THE DOOR. MR. JOHNSON ENTERS.

BLANCHE

Hello, c'mon in. Glad you could make it.

MR. JOHNSON

Good evening.

BLANCHE

Please come in. Pardon the mess, the
dogs just jump over everything. Earl,
Mr. Johnson is here. (Earl remains
buried under the newspaper). EARL!
Meet Mr. Johnson.

EARL

(Annoyed)

(Stands and sternly shakes hand) Hi, Mr.
Johnson... nice meeting you...no thank
you...we don't want it...have a nice
ride home...ON THE BUS!

BLANCHE

Earl! (To Mr. Johnson) Don't pay him no
mind. Just have a seat.

MR. JOHNSON

Oh that's alright Mrs. Harris. I'm not
going to take up much of your time. I
just want to leave you with some
information.

MR. JOHNSON LEANS OVER TO OPEN HIS BRIEFCASE TO SEARCH FOR PAPERS. IN THE MEANTIME, EARL AND BLANCHE ARE SILENTLY ARGUING WITH EACH OTHER. WHEN MR. JOHNSON RISES BACK UP, THEY QUICKLY RETURN TO NORMAL.

MR. JOHNSON

Here it is. (Hands a policy to Mrs. Harris)

EARL

(Suspicious) So, Mr. Johnson, exactly what kind of insurance do you sell? I mean, we already have life insurance, car, and farm insurance.

MR. JOHNSON

Those are good to have, but that's not all the insurance you need.

BLANCHE

(Worried)

Oh my goodness, are we at risk?

MR. JOHNSON

Unfortunately, most people are but don't realize it. Here's my card. (Hands out business card)

BLANCHE

(Reading) The Eternity Insurance Company. (Hands card to Earl)

EARL

(Reading) Mr. Peter Johnson, Soul Insurance Agent. What in the world is soul insurance?

MR. JOHNSON

Insurance for your soul.

BLANCHE

(Empty-headed)

Insurance for my soul? I never would have thought of that.

MR. JOHNSON

You have life insurance coverage for your loved ones, but what about Death Insurance? If you should die today what would happen to your soul?

EARL

Wait a minute Buster! What company can guarantee my soul? Is your company listed with the Better Business Bureau?

MR. JOHNSON

Frankly, this company is better than the Better Business Bureau. It's been in existence since the beginning of time and is still managed by the original owner.

BLANCHE

(Slow-witted)

Oh my, he must be ready to retire.

EARL

Just hold your mule for a moment. What are the qualifications for coverage? What if you have an pre-existing disposition?

MR. JOHNSON

Unlike other insurance policies Mr. Harris, Soul Insurance covers all pre-existing conditions, present conditions, and possible future conditions. We call it Perpetual Coverage. You can never be turned down and once you have it, and you can never lose it.

BLANCHE

(Slow-witted)

Oh that's wonderful dear. You know it's pretty hard to find a lost policy once you're dead.

EARL

Look buddy, you probably can't tell, but we're just common folks. This insurance is probably for those high class folks.

MR. JOHNSON

Oh this coverage is comprehensive and available to everyone. In fact, it's an universal policy available to every man, woman, boy, and girl.

EARL AND MR. JOHNSON TURN AND STARE AT BLANCHE, WAITING FOR HER SENSELESS COMMENT.

BLANCHE

(Clueless)

UNIVERSAL! So, does it cover aliens too!

EARL STARES IN DISBELIEF AND SHAKES HIS HEAD IN DISBELIEF.

EARL

Alright, your policy appears to be comprehensive, but I know it must cost an arm and a leg. No need in wasting anymore of your time, 'cause we don't have extra money to pay monthly premiums. (*Mr. Johnson attempts to interject, but Earl keeps on complaining about money*). I just got my tracker out the shop, I put a new roof on the barn, and I just got some new dentures (pulls false teeth out of a cup on the table).

(Interrupts) **MR. JOHNSON**
 Mr. Harris...Mr. Harris, the policy is free!

EARL
 Huh?

MR. JOHNSON
 It's free. There are no premiums or deductible.

BLANCHE
 Free! (to Earl) Now honey, that's not too much to pay is it?

MR. JOHNSON
 However, there are two minor conditions that must be met.

EARL
 Ah Ha! I knew it! There had to be a catch. (To Blanche). What did I tell you. We'll probably have to sell our firstborn or the mule.

BLANCHE
 Oh no...not the mule!

 - End of Preview -

Eventually, the Salesman convinces Earl and clueless Blanche to ensure their soul by accepting Christ.
