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Building a Church

Introduction

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Theme: The Church is the people, not the building.

People: 3

Props: Blueprints, hard hat.

Scene: Maurey is standing around with a hard hat on and a big plan rolled out and is looking at it. Just then Warren walks up.

Warren: I have these hymnals you ordered.

Maurey: Great I appreciate that.

Warren: So, how is the church building coming?

Maurey: Well, so far (*Shows Warren the plan*) I have Dave and Sam working as ushers; I have Bill and Norm handing out bulletins; Wilson and Larson are working in the treasury; Mrs. Guswether and...

Warren: (*Not wanting to interrupt the master at his work, but there is definitely a problem that needs to be mentioned.*) Uh... excuse me, but there is a problem here.

Maurey: What's that?

Warren: You have Wilson and Larson working together as treasurers.

Maurey: Yeah, so what?

Warren: Well, Wilson is from the old school of money, and Larson is from the new school. Wilson doesn't get along at all with Larson when it comes to money.

Maurey: Well maybe I had better move Wilson. (*Looks over the plans*) Maybe I'll move him to working with the kids in Sunday School.

Warren: No good. After the frog in the sleeping bag incident at camp last year, Wilson hates kids.

Maurey: OK, I'll move him to the music ministry.

Warren: No. Ever since they got that new sound equipment, Wilson has never approved of the new upbeat sound.

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Maurey: *(Becoming more perplexed over the situation.)* This Wilson sure is opinionated isn't he. There are not a lot of places to put him.

Warren: There has to be something.

Maurey: If worse comes to worst, we can always stick him in the parking lot parking cars.

Warren: *(Impressed at the sage wisdom of this decision)* Oh that is so good! Why, it would be a first! The gift of parking cars! That's brilliant! Now I know why you are in charge!

Maurey: Well, you've got to know your Bible. Yeah, the gift of parking cars.

Warren: *(Still a little unsure that he should be criticizing Maurey's plans)* Uh, just one more thing here, I see you have Mrs. Dinklemier and Mrs. Guswether working in the same class together.

Maurey: Yeah, they both wanted to work with the primaries.

Warren: Well, they haven't talked to each other ever since the Marmalade Recipe scandal.

Maurey: Oh yeah, that was sticky. Maybe I can put Mrs. Dinklemier into the music department.

Warren: I don't think so. Mrs. Dinklemier wants nothing but choruses, she can't stand hymns.

Maurey: Social action?

Warren: She thinks the poor are poor because they're lazy.

Maurey: Well, she can always help Wilson parking cars out in the parking lot. *(Writes her in at the top of the page.)*

Warren: Hey yeah! That would work out pretty good! *(A little bit more confident at mentioning the problems in the plans)* Also, I see you have McDoogle in charge of Property and Maintenance.

Maurey: Yeah...

Warren: Well he's one of those white collar workers that wouldn't dream of getting his hands dirty unclogging a toilet.

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Maurey: Hmmmm, he shouldn't get his hands too dirty parking cars.

Warren: *(Takes the pen out of Maurey's hand and starts writing)* Hey, that would work! You might have a problem with this guy, he's out of town a lot.

Maurey: No problem, I'll just stick him in the parking lot.

Warren: Yeah right! The parking lot! And this guy here could go in the parking lot, and this guy, and this guy, and this guy...

Maurey: You know this is a lot easier than I thought it would be. Oh, here comes the Owners' representative. Good morning sir.

Ed: *(Ed is dressed for authority, e.i., suit and tie.)* Good morning gentlemen. So how is it coming.

Warren: Piece of cake!

Maurey: Real good sir, all we need are some chairs and a sermon.

Ed: Well, let's see what you have here. *(Maurey proudly hands over the plans. As Ed is looking over the plans, both Warren and Maurey are dancing a victory dance and giving each other the high five. Ed doesn't see anybody written down.)* Where is everybody? *(Both Warren and Maurey point simultaneously to the same corner of the plans with an immense amount of pride.)*

Ed: You have everybody parking cars?!?

Warren: Yeah, we know. Ain't that cool?

Maurey: Now I know this sounds like a real radical idea, but I think in this case it just might work.

Ed: Sir, we are building a CHURCH! *(Immediately both Warren and Maurey know the plans have not been met with approval.)* We are building a body to meet the spiritual needs of the community around us, not a public parking garage!

Warren: *(Like a kid getting rid of guilt)* That was his idea.

Maurey: *(Very defensively)* Well, if people were more flexible in their expectations and a little less opinionated, I might be able to accommodate you better.

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Ed: This is definitely not acceptable (hands Maurey back the plan.) God gave people special gifts to build His Church. Everyone has a place. You will have to come up with something to get these people to fit together. (Looks at Warren as if he's one of the planners).

Warren: Oh, hey! I'm just here delivering hymnals, that's all. (Warren leaves and is relieved to be off the stage.)

Maurey: (At a total loss for words) Uh, well...you see, uh, you know, uh, marmalaid...

Ed: (Lifts his eyes) Just have something by Sunday. (Ed leaves)

Maurey: ...Hymns...they wouldn't...you see...(sighs) I'm going to stick to wood and cement, they're a lot easier to work with.

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