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Andy's School for Christian Etiquette

Introduction

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Theme: Christian individuality; God made us who we are for a reason.

People: 5

Props: Music stand, music, bread dough, mirror, clipboard, whistle.

Scene: *Andy enters giving instructions to an off stage group as if leaving one group and entering another.*

Andy: *(To off stage group)* That's fifteen minutes on your knees in prayer!

(Andy has a clipboard, pen and whistle that he wears around his neck. Clearly resembling a coach-like attitude. As he enters the classroom, he reviews each student's progress. Sally is sitting center stage. She is holding a mirror and a piece of paper. She glances at her list of "instructions" and then tries to demonstrate different 'reverent' facial expressions. One eye is closed to represent an attitude of prayer while the other eye is open to check to see how she is doing. Andy walks by her, watches her, then writes something on his clipboard giving the impression that he has graded her. As he leaves he says approvingly:)

Andy: Nice facial expressions.

(Mary is standing behind a music stand. Both hands clasped together in front of her reverently. She has been miming words of a song during Andy's inspection of Sally. As Andy approaches her, she clears her throat and sings, out of key:)

Mary: Praise God from whom all blessings... comes from!

(Clearly more practice is needed. Mary has an expression of hopeful approval. Andy begins to grade her on his clipboard. As he leaves her, he politely encourages her by saying:)

Andy: Nice work, but practice makes perfect.

(They both nod politely, Mary continues miming her words. Andy moves to George. George is standing behind a table kneading bread dough. He has an apron on, and he is covered with flour. Andy watches George knead the bread. Smiling, Andy writes something on his clipboard and says to George eagerly:)

Andy: I hope that will be ready for tonight's banquet.

(Just then John enters the stage.)

John: Excuse me, the secretary at the front desk said I could find Andy here.

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- Andy:** That's me.
- John:** I received this brochure on your school, Andy's School for Christian Etiquette. Exactly what is that?
- Andy:** Well, we teach new Christians how they should act now that they are a new creature in Christ.
- John:** How they should act?
- Andy:** Sure, we have classes that cover the basics, do's and don'ts during grace, facial expressions during group prayer, and our favorite, how to sing... even though you don't know the words.
- John:** Well, that's nice, but won't a little time and experience cover those situations?
- Andy:** That's true, but that's not all we cover.
- John:** It's not?
- Andy:** Oh good heavens no! We also cover behavior modifications.
- John:** Behavior modifications?
- Andy:** Oh yes! Everybody has little quirks in their personalities, well, we just perfect them with our classes.
- John:** You perfect them?
- Andy:** Sure, take Sally over here.
- John:** Oh I know Sally, she's that real shy, quiet lady.
- Andy:** Mm... A little too shy. But with our class she has improved quite a bit. Sally! Would you come here please?
- Sally:** *(Shouting at the top of her lungs)* SURE, NO PROBLEM! HOW ARE YOU DOING? SALLY'S THE NAME! WHAT'S YOURS?
- John:** *(Slightly shouting)* UH... my name's...
- Sally:** SURE IS GREAT TO BE ALIVE! PRAISE GOD! WELL I'VE GOT TO GO NOW! SEE YOU!
- John:** *(Looking at Andy)* Awfully loud isn't she?

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Andy: (*Proudly*) Yeah, isn't it great? Now take Mary there. For years she's been a good Christian. But, she never really talked about Christ. Oh she truly loved Christ, and she did all she could to help people, and if you asked her about something she would tell you all she knew, but other than that she never talked about Christ...until she came to Andy's School for Christian Etiquette. Mary, do you have a second?

Mary: (*In a monotone voice*) Sure, Praise God, in the name of Christ, what can I do for you? Glory be to the God on high.

Andy: Tell our friend what you think of our school.

Mary: Why, as God is true, I'd be glad to, Praise God. Isn't God great?

John: Uh... yes he is.

Mary: He is so holy.

John: Right. So tell me...

Mary: He is so great.

John: Uh, yeah, thank you.

Mary: The sun would not shine without him.

John: (*Reluctantly*) Well, it's been great talking to...

Mary: (*Walking off stage*) Trees would not grow...birds would not fly...

Andy: (*Proudly*) One of our best students!

John: She never did tell me what she thought about your school.

Andy: Now George, over here, used to be one of those pushy used car salesmen before he became a Christian.

John: Used to be?

Andy: That was until he came to Andy's School for Christian Etiquette. He used to be real pushy, loud, and obnoxious. When he became a Christian he didn't know how to act. Then he came here, and we really fined tuned him.

George: (*With a thick King James accent*) Good evening brethren. Thy sun, it shineth brightly today, doth it not?

John: Yes it doth, er does...er, it is bright outside.

George: (*To Andy*) Your friend, be it he is new here? Doth he come from afar?

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- John:** No, I live down the road. You used to sell cars?
- George:** Thy days of my past are far removed from me. Now I am a Christian. If thou wouldst excuse me, I hasten to make bread now.
- John:** *(To Andy)* Make bread?
- Andy:** Once you've sold cars, there is not much else you could do. But isn't he a fine Christian?
- John:** Sure, if that's your idea of a Christian.
- Andy:** Oh? What do you mean?
- John:** You're molding these people into your idea of Christianity .
- Andy:** I'm perfecting them.
- John:** Perfecting? What's wrong with a shy Christian? *(Sally begins to overhear the conversation)* If God made that person shy, then who are we to say He was wrong? So Mary never went around preaching about Christ! *(Mary stops what he's doing and listens in.)* One good deed from her was probably worth a thousand words. Now all she does is talk and nothing else! *(Everyone is listening in now)* And what's wrong with a pushy Christian car salesman? Who knows how big that mission field is?
- Andy:** Someone has to tell people how to act.
- John:** We are all individuals. God made us that way. Let God tell them how he wants them to act. If we tell them, all we will do is give them a watered down version of how we think God want's them to act.
- George:** *(Dropping his King James accent)* You know that makes sense. I didn't think God wanted me to stop selling cars, just be honest about it. I think he felt an honest Christian car salesman could be a very effective testimony.
- Andy:** But what about when to close your eyes during prayer?
- Sally:** *(Meekly)* You know being quiet gives me more opportunities to listen to people. Being bold, as I was taught, never gave me a chance to hear what people had to say. If I could listen more, I probably could help people with their problems more because I would know what's going on.
- Andy:** *(Nervously, as if loosing control)* Well sure, but what about what to do with the communion cup once you're finished with it?

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Mary: You know, no one asks me about Christ any more. I enjoyed helping people. At least that way when they asked about God I knew they were interested.

Andy: But your forgetting about sweaty palms when holding hands during worship services! Someone has to teach about that!

John: Don't you see? God made us individually, for a purpose. Who we are and what we do is up to God. It's our job to seek God's will, not yours.

(John, Sally, Mary and George start to walk off the stage)

Andy: *(Angrily)* Fine! Go ahead and leave Andy's School for Christian Etiquette. But next time you're in a prayer circle and no one knows who's going to start, YOU JUST THINK OF ME!!!!

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