

## BEAUTY OR LEAST

by JOHN COSPER

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** A young man who only judges women on appearance is put on a game show that challenges him to discover inner beauty.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** Disguise the fact that this is a game show set as much as possible at the beginning so you can make it a surprise. Theme music and other game show sounds can be added.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 5

**TOPIC:** Relationships, Self Image/Self Esteem

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** 1 Samuel 16:7

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Youth, Singles, Sermon Illustration

**CHARACTERS:**

Ted and Jake – teenage friends  
Clark Mallard – game show host  
Tina- a vain but gorgeous contestant  
Jan- a nice girl who is more modest

**PROPS:** Chairs; a wall or curtain dividing the contestant and bachelorettes

**COSTUMES:** Suit for Clark; preppy clothes for Tina; modest clothes for Jan. Typical guy clothes for Ted and Jake.

**SOUND:** Wireless microphones

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** A game show set

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*A chair is stage right, facing down stage right. Two other chairs are far stage left. JAKE and TED enter, stage right, with TED leading JAKE toward the chair.*

**JAKE:** I'm telling you, I don't need any advice on women. I know what I want.

**TED:** That's right, Jake. That's why all your relationships end up with you broke and the girl leaving for someone with more to give.

**JAKE:** Okay, maybe I haven't found the right one.

**TED:** You don't know how to find the right one. That's why we're here.

**JAKE:** Where?

**TED:** Sit down.

*JAKE sits in the chair.*

**JAKE:** What is this? This isn't Dr. Phil, is it?

**TED:** Nope, something much more intelligent.

*TED exits. Game show music plays. CLARK enters. TINA and JAN enter stage left and take their seats.*

**CLARK:** Welcome again to America's newest game show sensation, Beauty or Least, another 70's game show repackaged and revamped so it can be sold to today's hip young people. I'm your host Clark Mallard. Hey, we've got a great show for you tonight. Let's get it started by meeting our bachelor. What's your name?

**JAKE:** I uh... Huh?

**CLARK:** I-Yuh-Huh. Bachelorette, would you say hello to I-Yuh-Huh?

**TINA:** I-Yuh-Huh? What are you foreign? I hope you speak American if you wanna take me out!

**CLARK:** Bachelorette number two?

**JAN:** Hi there, sweetie.

**JAKE:** Hey, are there ladies talking to me?

**CLARK:** Are they ever! And they're going to answer all your questions.

**JAKE:** Why?