DRAMA Ministry

CHIPS-R-US by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A high-tech company offers to solve all of your holiness needs with a simple microchip.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Timing is key, so keep the flow of dialogue between Chip and Bob moving to be sure there's no 'dead air' between them.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2M, 1F

THEME: Christian Living, Temptation

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: James 1:14, Matthew 5

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Seeker Services; Sermon Illustration

CHARACTERS:

Chip – a commercial spokesman Bob – a rough kind of guy Molly

PROPS: Magazine

COSTUMES: Contemporary

SOUND: Wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Unspecified

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Lights up on CHIP.

CHIP: The V-chip was a revolution in technology that allowed concerned parents to finally have control over what their children were watching on television. But while the V-chip was able to keep kids from accessing offensive content on television, it was unable to block offensiveness and immorality in the world around us. That's why we at Chips-R-Us technologies developed the P-chip! Here's how it works. We implant a microchip inside the ear through a simple, non-invasive but over-priced surgical procedure. Then the next time you cut somebody off in traffic, this is what you'll hear:

BOB enters.

BOB: (screaming, as if furiously angry) Hey, friend! I hope you have a nice day and you go someplace really nice!

CHIP: Amazing, isn't it? You'll never have to hear a potty word again, thanks to the P-chip. And we're not stopping there! Tired of all the negative political rhetoric these days? Then you should also get the PC-chip. Never again will you have to listen to hate-filled, biased, and inflammatory political talk, conservative or liberal.

BOB: The President is a mammal.

BOB and CHIP look at each other and shrug.

CHIP: For those of you men struggling with lust, and those of you ladies who are tired of seeing your husband check out other women, we're introducing the G-chip! This amazing microchip is implanted just inside the corneas, and it is guaranteed to keep you from seeing anything even remotely racy or sexy!

CHIP hands BOB a magazine. BOB opens the magazine.

BOB: What's going on here? I can't see! I've gone blind!!! My grandma was right!!!

BOB drops the magazine.

Oh, there we go.

CHIP: Yes, not only can microchip technology keep you from being offended, it can keep you from doing the wrong thing. Struggling with finances? Try the D-chip, a microchip tied to your bank account that will give you an electric shock every time you use your credit card.

Sound effect of an electrical charge. The lights should dim a little as well. BOB shakes as if being electrocuted.