

DAYS OF OUR LIES

by RENE GUTTERIDGE

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: Three surgeons perform a delicate operation to remove lies from a patient's heart.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: The scene should have a distinctly soap opera 'feel', so encourage your actors to lean toward the melodramatic.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 4

TOPIC: Christian Living

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Hebrews 4:12

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Sermon Starter, Worship Service

CHARACTERS:

DR. SHARLA
DR. JULIE
DR. TANYA
PATIENT

PROPS: Operating table, scrubs, scalpels, axe, Bible, Glamour magazine, Martha Stewart Living magazine

COSTUMES: Wireless mics if desired; SFX: "Days of Our Lives" theme music

SOUND: Wireless mics if desired; SFX: "Days of Our Lives" theme music

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: An operating room

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Lights up on Dr. SHARLA, JULIE and TANYA, as they stand over a PATIENT on the operating table.

SHARLA: Blood pressure?

JULIE: High. Very high.

TANYA: How high?

JULIE: The kind of pressure you feel when you realize you've missed your child's recital.

SHARLA: She missed her child's recital?

JULIE: No. But she was late, and she hasn't been able to forgive herself.

TANYA: She's at risk.

SHARLA: That's why we've got to get perfectionism out of there. She thinks if she doesn't do everything right, she's not worthy.

JULIE: That's one of the hardest lies to remove.

SHARLA: *(Looking determined)* Scalpel. *(Carefully cutting)* Other scalpel. *(TANYA hands her one)* No, the other one.

TANYA: There are twenty-seven.

SHARLA: All right. I guess I'll go with fourteen. *(TANYA hands it to her. SHARLA cuts again.)* I can see it. It's guarded well by her rib cage, but I think...yes...I think I've got it... *(Pulls and suddenly out comes a Martha Stewart magazine)*

JULIE: Martha Stewart! No wonder the poor thing thinks she has to be perfect.

TANYA: *(Studying the body)* Ladies, our job here is not finished. She's also been struggling with her skin tone.

SHARLA: Her skin tone?

TANYA: Apparently it doesn't go well with her new hair color, at least according to.... *(Reaches in and pulls out another magazine)*

JULIE: Glamour? Oh, boy. Well, that was at least easy to remove.

TANYA: That's because it was only skin deep.