

## GARBAGE IN, GARBAGE OUT

by TIM BASS

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** Two parents discover the “garbage” their teenage son has been viewing on the internet.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** The parents' reaction should be played as genuinely horrified as possible for maximum comedy.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 2

**TOPIC:** Christian Living, Addictions

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Philippians 4:8

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Worship Service, Sermon Starter

**CHARACTERS:**

Martha  
Frank

**PROPS:** Computer

**COSTUMES:** Contemporary

**SOUND:** Two wireless microphones

**LIGHTING:** General

**SETTING:** A teenage boy's bedroom

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*Lights up on MARTHA. She sits in front of a computer. She is obviously very upset. She moves the mouse around and clicks. She stops, horrified.*

**MARTHA:** Frank! Fraaaaaaaaank!!!

**FRANK:** *(Offstage)* I'm a little busy right now, honey!

**MARTHA:** Frank! This is important! I need you to come up to Johnny's room!

**FRANK:** Babe, I'm really kinda in the middle of something here!

**MARTHA:** What? What is so important!?

**FRANK:** Troy is telling Gabriella that that he really does want to audition for the high school musical!

**MARTHA:** Oh, for crying out loud! Get in here!

**FRANK:** OK! OK! I'm coming.

**MARTHA:** *(To herself)* This is awful. Just awful.

**FRANK:** *(Entering, singing badly)* Get'cha head in that game! Your head's gonna get'cha – get'cha – *(To MARTHA)* OK, so what is so darn important?

**MARTHA:** *(Indicating computer screen)* Look at this.

*FRANK sits next to MARTHA and looks at the computer. His face changes from delight to horror. He is stunned by what he sees. He looks at MARTHA.*

**FRANK:** That's...

**MARTHA:** Uh-huh.

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**FRANK:** Johnny's been looking at...

**MARTHA:** Uh-huh. *(Pause)* Johnny's been looking at garbage.

**FRANK:** That's not just garbage. That's...that's...that's...trash!

**MARTHA:** Oh, you haven't even seen the worst of it yet. Look at this website. *(She types)* Do you see that?

**FRANK:** Oh, no. Oh my gosh. I...I...what website is this?