

HOW BRIGHT IS YOUR LIGHT?

by John Cosper

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A woman goes on a game show to determine whether she is truly a bright light for Christ.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: There's a lot of room for 'extra' touches to help create the feel and vibe of a game show. Video screens, sound effects, props, an applause sign—all of these and more can be added to the mix to help add to the glitz. One thing to always be aware of, however, is that the technicians and extras needed to run these cues and handle these effects are every bit as much a part of the performance as the actors on stage, and need to rehearse accordingly.

Drama is a collaborative medium and we each have different gifts, but all elements merging into a unified whole is critical to a scene's success. Technicians are often being pulled in a lot of different directions and their time available for rehearsal may be limited, but missed cues and small mistakes can cause big problems. If the technicians aren't able to take part in the rehearsal, it's likely best to leave those elements out entirely.

TIME: 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 1M, 1F

THEME: Christian Living; the Light of Christ

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Matthew 5:14-16

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Sermon Illustration

CHARACTERS:

JACK—game show host

VICKI—a contestant

PROPS: Two game show podiums

COSTUMES: A suit and a nice dress.

SOUND: Two wireless microphones; sound effects of a ding and buzz for the game and game show theme music.

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A game show set.

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A game show theme plays. JACK runs on to a podium. Another podium is set up for VICKI.

JACK: Good evening and welcome to How Bright Is Your Light? Let's meet today's contestant. She's a corporate vice president from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, a working mom who volunteers on several church committees and teaches Sunday School to high school students. Please welcome Vicki Lamont!

VICKI enters.

JACK: Hello, Vicki, how are you?

VICKI: Better than I deserve, Jack. *(Giggles)* I just love that line!

JACK: Vicki, you know how to play the game, but let me share the rules with our audience. I'm going to ask Vicki a series of questions in three rounds that will determine just how bright her light is. If Vicki proves to have a bright enough light, she will be deemed righteous and held up as an example for all believers. If not, she'll be labeled a hypocrite and walk away with nothing but a box of steak knives. *(He holds up a box of knives.)* Are you ready, Vicki?

VICKI: Ready to let my light shine, Jack.

JACK: Your category for round one is: basic Christian knowledge. Question one: what is the Bible?

VICKI: The Word of the Lord!

DING!

JACK: Who is the Son of God?

VICKI: Jesus!

DING!

JACK: How does one get to Heaven?

VICKI: Accept the Lord Jesus as your Savior.

DING!

JACK: What do you receive after becoming a believer?

VICKI: The gift of the Holy Spirit!

DING!