

REPORT CARD

by TROY SCHMIDT

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A man gives his wife her report card.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Keep the actors from getting mean with this one. It's meant to be silly. The tone should not be accusatory from NATALIE, but confused, trying to figure this out. TIM should play bigger than life, self-righteous, totally convinced he's doing the right thing. He's trying to run a business and this "employee" is making things difficult. Keep it moving quickly, with few pauses except for laughs.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2

TOPIC: Marriage, Relationships

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Ephesians 5:22-23

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Worship Service, Marriage Conference

CHARACTERS:

TIM

NATALIE

PROPS: Paper, table, two chairs

COSTUMES: Casual attire

SOUND: Two wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Kitchen

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Lights up as TIM and NATALIE are center stage, sitting at a table. TIM is reading over the report card, very professionally. It feels like a business meeting.

TIM: Thank you for making the time here. I know you are having a busy day. I just wanted to go over this report card, so you'll know how you are doing. First of all. Communication, C plus. Cooking, B minus. Psychology, C minus. Economics, D plus. Do you have any questions?

NATALIE stares at TIM.

NATALIE: Honey, do we have to do this?

TIM: I think it's important that you know how you are doing in our marriage.

NATALIE: But, what are these grades based on? It's all subjective. And why don't I get to give you a report card?

TIM: *(Laughing)* The Bible is very clear. I'm in charge. You wouldn't dare tell God how he was doing.

NATALIE: No, because he's doing a great job.

TIM: *(Stops laughing)* At work, I give people evaluations and grades. It seems to work there.

NATALIE: This isn't a business relationship. It's a love relationship.

TIM: Business is work. Love requires work. Therefore love is business.

NATALIE shakes her head. What?

NATALIE: Do you have a suggestion box at work?

TIM: No, we got rid of that years ago. People are so negative. *(Looks away from her)* Look, maybe this isn't about what I'm saying, but in you seeing your own problems.

NATALIE: Oh I see the problem...

NATALIE stares long and hard at TIM. He makes eye contact with her.

TIM: Why are you looking at me?

NATALIE: Never mind.

TIM: I think it's good that we hear a little assessment on our lives. It helps with our focus, our humility. The Johnsons do this on a regular basis.