

## THE RESOLUTION BOWL

by John Cosper

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** A man and woman break their New Year's vows quickly as sports casters call the action.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** The announcers should be on a separate platform from the main stage. They can also be completely off stage, if desired. Phil needs to go for it with the Twinkies. Make it big and make it gross. And get some good elevation on the cat.

**TIME:** 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 3M, 1F

**THEME:** Resolutions

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** James 5:12, Proverbs 12:23

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** New Year's Day

**SUGGESTED USE:** New Year's Services, Sermon illustration

**CHARACTERS:**

BOB and JIM—sports announcers  
PHIL and LOIS—a married couple

**PROPS:** Living room furniture, phone, flask, rice cakes, Twinkies, basket of laundry, cigarettes, fake cat

**COSTUMES:** Pajamas.

**SOUND:** Wireless microphones if desired. Hand helds for the announcers. Sound effect of a screaming cat. Sports show theme music.

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** A living room

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*BOB and JIM are seated facing the audience in chairs, stage right. Center stage has a couch, an end table with a phone, and other living room furnishings.*

**BOB:** Good afternoon, sports fans, and happy New Year! Bob Simmons here for the grandmama of them all, the Getyoked.net Resolution Bowl! Brought to you by Getyoked.net. Made a resolution to find the love of your life? Find them now at Getyoked.net. We've got two great competitors squaring off in this year's game, and I'm going to bring in my broadcast partner, two time Resolution Bowl MVP, Jim Gresham. Happy New Year, Jim.

**JIM:** Happy New Year, Bob, and what a match-up we have. We're about to see Phil Mitchell of Columbus, Indiana square off with his wife of twenty years, Lois.

**BOB:** Jim, what's the strategy for these two heavyweights in today's game?

**JIM:** Bob, both of these competitors come in having made some significant resolutions for the new year. Whoever wins this match up has to get ahead early in making their partner break resolutions before they do.

**BOB:** Strategy of the game is brought to you by Getyoked.net, proud sponsor of the Getyoked.net Resolution Bowl. Tired of waiting for that special someone? Find them now, this year, at Getyoked.net.

*PHIL enters.*

And here comes our first competitor onto the playing field as Phil Mitchell takes the couch with a bag of rice cakes.

**JIM:** Bob, Phil made a resolution to eat right and lose weight. If he's going to come out ahead, it's critical he find some healthy snack to keep him off the fatty foods and potato chips he loves so well.

*LOIS enters, angry. She mimes yelling at PHIL.*

**BOB:** Lois enters the field of play, and look at this! Lois is nagging Phil about the Christmas lights he promised to have down by New Years, breaking her resolution to stop being a nag once and for all.

**JIM:** Bob, that's disappointing to see her fall behind, but I think it was inevitable. The homeowner's association requires all Christmas lights to be down by the first. Phil didn't get the job done which set her up for immediate failure.

**BOB:** Lois is giving Phil quite an ear full, but Phil is putting up a very strong defense.

**JIM:** This has been a weak point for Phil in the past. Phil likes to console himself with