

WATCHING THE ROAD

by John Cosper

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A reckless limo driver gives a unique lesson on focusing on God in his own unique way.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Give the passengers a task to do, such as reading a newspaper, fixing make-up or checking items off on a Palm Pilot. This will make their growing attention to the road more apparent, and provide an obstacle for Ernie to overcome in his increasingly wild drive.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 3

TOPIC: Christian Living

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Hebrews 12:12, Matthew 14:22-33

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Bible Study, Sermon Illustration

CHARACTERS:

ERNIE--A limo driver

SUSAN--A passenger

RICHARD--Another passenger

PROPS: Chairs, luggage

COSTUMES: A limo driver uniform, street clothes

SOUND: 2 wireless microphones; sound effects of car horns, crashes, squealing tires

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A limousine

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Two chairs are set up on stage, one at center, one a few feet upstage and right from the first chair so that both can be seen by the audience. These represent the front and back seat of the limousine. ERNIE leads SUSAN, carrying luggage, to the car and opens the back door for her.

ERNIE: Your limo, ma'am.

SUSAN: *(Sits)* Thank you. *(ERNIE slams the limo door. SUSAN jolts at the slam. ERNIE does a funny jog around to his door and gets inside. He starts the car, signals his pull out with his arm, using a bicycle signal and then begins driving.)*

ERNIE: So, the airport, huh?

SUSAN: Yes.

ERNIE: Where you flying?

SUSAN: Going to see my dad in Nashville.

ERNIE: Ooooooh, Texas. I love Texas. At least, I think I would. It sure looks good in the movies, you know? Except for the Indians, but that's why we have cowboys, right?

SUSAN: *(Puzzled by ERNIE'S stupidity)* If you say so.

Sound of squealing tires. ERNIE slams on the brakes. ERNIE and SUSAN both jolt forward.

ERNIE: You okay back there?

SUSAN: I think so, yes.

ERNIE: Man, some bad drivers out today. *(Resumes driving)* You know the number one cause of accidents?

SUSAN: No, what's that?

ERNIE: Gee... I was hoping you knew. I don't remember. *(Smacks forehead)* Wait, a minute, I remember now.

SUSAN: What is it?

ERNIE: *(Turns to SUSAN)* Not paying attention to the road.

SUSAN: Look out! *(ERNIE turns in time to swerve and avoid an accident)*

ERNIE: Whew! See what I mean? I could have killed us!

SUSAN: I believe you.