

A TOTAL LOSER

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A man with an unfortunate name reminds us that having the reputation of Christ is what's most important.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Keep the energy up and the lines driving forward for maximum comedic effect.

TIME: 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 1M, 1F

THEME: Christian Living

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Proverbs 22:1

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Seeker service; sermon illustration

CHARACTERS:

CARRIE
LOSER

PROPS: Microphone

COSTUMES: Contemporary

SOUND: Wireless mics if desired

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Unspecified

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Lights up. Carrie is at center.

CARRIE: Good morning. Today we're talking about having a good name. Over and over, the book of Proverbs reminds us that a good name is more important than gold, silver, or any other treasure. Here to discuss that with me is a special guest.

Loser enters from stage left.

CARRIE: Sir, what is your name?

LOSER: A. Total Loser.

CARRIE: Come on, sir, I'm sure you're not a loser.

LOSER: Yes I am.

CARRIE: No you're not. You're a handsome man, and I'm sure very smart and intelligent.

LOSER: And a loser.

CARRIE: You are not a loser.

LOSER: Sure I am. Here, let me show you. *(pulls out his wallet)* See? A. Total Loser.

CARRIE: That's your real name?

LOSER: Yeah.

CARRIE: How did you get a name like that?

LOSER: Well, the Loser part comes from my father. He was a Loser too, and his father before him, and his father before him. They came over from Europe, my great-grandparents, and they changed their name to Loser.

CARRIE: They changed it to Loser?

LOSER: Yeah. It used to be "Krankenkopf."

CARRIE: What does that mean?

LOSER: Sick head.

CARRIE: Well, that sounds reasonable.

LOSER: Then my mother's maiden name was Total, so they made that my middle name.