

## LONG FORGOTTEN RESPONSIBILITY

by JOHN COSPER

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** A bear visits a couple that littered in his woods to teach them a lesson about caring for their world.

**TIME:** Over 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 3

**TOPIC:** Christian Living

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Genesis 1:29-30

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Sermon Starter, Environmental Awareness

**CHARACTERS:**

RON AND DORIS - a married couple

BEAR - a bear

**PROPS:** Living room furnishings, popcorn, bags of trash

**COSTUMES:** A bear costume

**SOUND:** Three wireless microphones

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** A nice living room

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*RON and DORIS are sitting in a comfortable living room, watching a movie on an invisible TV (downstage) and eating popcorn.*

**RON:** Ah, it's good to be home, huh?

**DORIS:** No kidding. I love the outdoors, but it is nice to be back in the air conditioning.

**RON:** It was pretty warm out this weekend.

**DORIS:** I know. I don't ever remember it being that hot on the lake.

**RON:** Well, it's been how many years?

**DORIS:** We've been married for nineteen, so at least that long.

**RON:** See? It was probably that hot before. You just don't remember.

**DORIS:** Maybe. All I know is I'll be happy to wake up tomorrow morning NOT covered in sweat.

**RON:** That was nasty.

**DORIS:** And showering does no good because ten minutes later, the shower water gives way to more sweat.

**RON:** Yecch. Don't remind me.

**DORIS:** Still, I loved every second out there.

**RON:** Me too.

**DORIS:** Really?

**RON:** Yeah, I did.

**DORIS:** I was so afraid you'd hate it.

**RON:** Well, I didn't have the best camping experiences growing up. My father was notorious for leading us on long walks that ended with a rescue by the National Guard. Thank the good Lord for giving us marked trails, huh?

**DORIS:** Exactly.

*Pause.*

Ron?

**RON:** Hmm?