

MEDIA IMAGES

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GENRE: Comedy/Light Drama

SYNOPSIS: An applicant visits a media agency to apply for the job of father, but has a difficult time finding a father role that is portrayed in a positive light.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Consultant should be very matter-of-fact, as if there is no problem with the possibilities that she is presenting.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2

TOPIC: Parenting

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Proverbs 31:23

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Father's Day

SUGGESTED USE: Sermon Introduction, Men's Retreat

CHARACTERS:

Applicant – a man applying for the role of father
Consultant – tries to find him a good match

PROPS: Office desk or table with several desk items (pencils, clock, calculator, etc.), 2 chairs, file folder with applications

COSTUMES: Consultant is dressed in business attire. Father is dressed as someone going to an interview: dress pants, shirt & tie, jacket.

SOUND: Two wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General

SETTING: An office for Media Images, Inc.

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A CONSULTANT enters looking through a file folder and has a seat at her desk. APPLICANT enters.

CONSULTANT: *(Rising and shaking applicant's hand.)* Welcome to Media Images. You must be Mr. Randall?

APPLICANT: Yes, I came about the position that you had advertised.

CONSULTANT: *(Signaling toward the chair.)* Please, have a seat. *(They both sit.)* Now, remind me again what position you were interested in?

APPLICANT: You had listed an opening for a father.

CONSULTANT: Oh, that. Very good. *(She shuffles through applications.)* Now which father opening are you applying for?

APPLICANT: There's more than one?

CONSULTANT: Most definitely. We here at Media Images create many different types of fathers.

APPLICANT: Oh, I didn't realize that. What options do I have?

CONSULTANT: *(Picks up one sheet.)* Well, for instance, you could be a beer commercial father.

APPLICANT: What do I have to do for that?

CONSULTANT: All you have to do is stand next to a gorgeous model or sports figure and say, "Tastes great." Then you drink the beer.

APPLICANT: "Tastes great"? That's all I get to say?

CONSULTANT: Well, after 23 takes and downing a beer at the end of each take, "tastes great" will be about all you can manage to say.

APPLICANT: Oh. Well, do you have anything else?

CONSULTANT: *(Shuffles through more applications.)* Let's see . . . how about a car commercial father?

APPLICANT: What does that involve?

CONSULTANT: You can choose driving either a sports car or a rugged, off-road truck.

APPLICANT: That sounds exciting.