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TIME AUDIT

by John Cosper

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: Gwen is an overworked Christian with little time to spare, but when she's audited by a heavenly representative of the ERS (Eternal Revenue Service) she's shocked to learn where most of her time is going. A wonderful commentary on separating the urgent from the important in a busy world.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: DIANE should probably be dressed as stereotypically "governmental" as possible (e.g., in a dark, conservative suit and glasses with a briefcase) to heighten the comedy of the situation.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 3

TOPIC: Stewardship, Priorities

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Matthew 25:14-30

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Worship Service, Youth Ministry

CHARACTERS:

GWEN—A Christian KIM—A girl in need

DIANE—An agent of the Eternal Revenue Service

PROPS: School books, file folders, papers, table, chairs

COSTUMES: Modern dress

SOUND: General

LIGHTING: General; possible use of spotlight

SETTING: A library or study area in school

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KIM: Hey, Gwen.

GWEN: Oh, hi, Kim.

KIM: How's it going?

GWEN: Oh...okay. Just working on some school stuff.

KIM: Yeah. I was just waiting on some people I'm supposed to meet.

GWEN: Cool.

KIM: I guess. I've had some issues lately with a friend that I'm trying to work out.

GWEN: I know how that can go.

KIM: Yeah, pretty crazy. I mean one minute everything's going fine, and then...well, You're probably too busy to listen to my story.

GWEN: Actually, I do have a lot to get through.

KIM: I'm sorry. It's just that...well, I'll let you get back to your work.

GWEN: Thanks. I hope it goes well.

KIM: Thanks, you too. I mean, the schoolwork.

GWEN: Thanks.

KIM exits. DIANE enters.

DIANE: Gwen?

GWEN: Yes?

DIANE: Gwen Richards?

GWEN: That's me.

DIANE: (Sits at the table, pulls out a dossier) Ah, so glad I caught up with you.

GWEN: Okay, and who are you?

DIANE: Forgive me. The name's Diane. I'm with the Eternal Revenue Service.

GWEN: The Eternal Revenue Service?

DIANE: Yes, I'm here to do an audit of your time.