

“THE BEST GIFT”

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Synopsis

Three members of the church meet to determine what gift to give their Pastor. Unable to come to an agreement after frustrating deliberations, a young child recommends they agree to give him the best gift of all...their prayers.

Scripture

Hebrews 13:18-19

Ministry Lesson:

We must continually pray for our Pastor and all church leaders

Ministry Focus:

Clergy Appreciation

Genre: Comedy

Cast

Sister Campbell - 30s (caring)
Sister Ready - 40+ (feisty)
Deacon Ready - 40+ (conservative)
Child (male or female) 6-8 years old

Costumes:

No special costume requirements

Time: 7 mins.

Props

Table and chairs or 1 sofa
Pen and paper
Coloring book and crayon

Sound Effect:

Doorbell ring or hard knock

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INTERIOR - FAMILY ROOM

SISTER CAMPBELL IS TIDYING UP AROUND THE HOUSE. HER YOUNG CHILD IS COLORING NEARBY ON THE FLOOR.

SISTER CAMPBELL

(speaking to child) Hurry and pick up your crayons. We have guests coming.

DEACON READY AND HIS WIFE ARRIVE AND RING THE DOORBELL.

SOUND EFFECT - DOORBELL OR A HARD KNOCK

SISTER CAMPBELL

Okay, they're here. Now, Chris(tina), please don't make a lot of noise. We're having a very important meeting, okay.
(Opens front door) Hello Deacon and Sister Ready. Please come in, come in.

SISTER READY

Praise the Lord Sister Campbell. So nice to see you.

DEACON READY

Yes, God is good and worthy to be praised.

SISTER CAMPBELL

Were my directions okay?

SISTER READY

(sarcastically)

We would have been here earlier if we had used them *(staring at Deacon Ready)*.

DEACON READY

The bible says trust the Lord and He shall lead thee.

SISTER READY SHAKES HER HEAD IN DISGUST

SISTER CAMPBELL

I'm glad you could come over. It's so hard to get out on school nights
(acknowledging child).

SISTER READY

Oh it's quite alright. We can meet here as well as the church.

DEACON READY

That's right, the Lord is everywhere, from the church house to the out-House.

SISTER CAMPBELL

(puzzled)

Oh...well...thanks Deacon Ready, that's very...enlightening. Can I get you something to eat? Coffee?

DEACON AND SISTER READY RESPECTFULLY DECLINE.

SISTER READY

Hi Chris(tina). Are you doing your homework?

CHILD:

Yes. Want to see the picture I colored?

SISTER CAMPBELL

Not now Chris(tina). We're about to have an important meeting. Maybe later, alright? *(They all sit on the sofa or around the table).* Thanks again for coming over. You know our Pastor's Anniversary is coming up next month and we need to determine what The Pastor's Aide Committee can give as a gift.

SISTER READY

(hard stare at Deacon Ready) Well,
whatever we give will be better than
last year's gift.

DEACON READY

(Defensive)

I spent 2 weeks making that gift. I
thought it was rather unique.

SISTER READY

(Disgusted)

A clock with a picture of one of the 12
disciples for each hour. Then had a
figure of Jesus on the cross attached to
the second hand going around the
disciples.

SISTER CAMPBELL

(Laughing)

...and one of the disciples was named
Paul.

DEACON READY

(In Retaliation)

Well Dear, the gift you picked out the
year before didn't come from Heaven's
gift catalog. What was that? Oh yes,
the Roman's Road Pajama Set. The shirt
was a map of Rome and the pants had the
word "Sin" going down one leg and
"Salvation" coming up the other.

SISTER READY

Well I was trying to think of something
practical as well as spiritual. He is
our Pastor for heaven's sake.

SISTER CAMPBELL

We've been giving the Pastor gifts for years, but I never felt we really hit the mark, you know?

DEACON READY

I know what you mean. It always seemed like something was missing. We are blessed with a good Pastor and we ought to bless him as best we can with whatever we can.

SISTER CAMPBELL

(grabs pen and paper) Okay, let's make a list of gift ideas and see what we can come up with.

CHILD:

(pulls on Mother's arm) Mama, I know a good gift.

SISTER CAMPBELL

Not right now, baby. We'll just be a little longer, alright. Now go back and color Mommy another picture.

DEACON READY

Let's just give him money and be done with it.

SISTER READY

Money is so impersonal and cold. Our Pastor needs something that reflects our love and gratitude.

DEACON READY

I once was young but now I'm old and I've never seen the righteous turn down money!

SISTER CAMPBELL

I think Sister Ready is right. The gift should be personal and precious but not too expensive. We don't have much money to work with. What about a new bible?

SISTER READY

(Unimpressed)

I'm sure that's just what every Pastor needs...one more bible.

DEACON READY

He already has 2 bibles in the pulpit... 7 in his study... 3 in his car... probably a dozen at home.

SISTER CAMPBELL

Well, what about giving him a nice elegant robe?

SISTER READY

What kind? He has a black robe, white, gold, red, blue, silk, cotton, wool, cashmere, short, long, pull-over, step-in, zip-up, button-down, and tie-up.

SISTER CAMPBELL

Yeah, you're right. Besides, he turns the air conditioner up when he wears a robe. We really get cold in the choir loft.

CHILD

Mama, I know a good present!

SISTER CAMPBELL

I'm sure you do honey. Just give us a few more minutes okay? (*child goes back to color*).

DEACON READY

What about a plaque of appreciation?

SISTER READY

(Sarcastically)

Well, what should this one say?

DEACON READY

Whatever we want it to say.

SISTER CAMPBELL

We've given him a plaque from the Sunday School, the Missionaries, the Youth Team, the Prayer Team, the Vacation Bible School, the Building Fund Committee, the Troubled Teen group, the Seeking Singles group, the Working Women group, the Youth Choir, the Intermediate Choir, the Adult Choir, the Senior Choir, the Men's Day Committee, and the Women's Day Committee.

SISTER READY

You're right, he has enough plaques to wallpaper the sanctuary.

DEACON READY

Well, I once was young but now I'm old and I've never seen the righteous turn down a plaque!

SISTER CAMPBELL

We're having the same problem we have every year. We always give the Pastor what we want him to have. We need to give him what he needs. Something that will help him.

SISTER READY

The man has everything, there's nothing
left to give him.

CHILD:

Mommy, I know a good gift.

SISTER CAMPBELL

Oh honey, alright, what's your idea?

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