

“THE ELECTION DEBATE”

By
Terry Stanley

Synopsis

Two candidates (Mr. Carnal Flesh and Mr. Divine Spirit) are engaged in an electoral debate. They want to win the opportunity to govern our lives today. Now we must cast our vote (make our choice) based on each candidate's position on issues that are important to us. Who will you vote for?

Scripture(s)

Romans 7:14-25

Ministry Lesson

Like Paul, we too struggle with our carnal nature. We often find ourselves doing what we don't want to do and not doing what we know we should do. When presented with choices in life, though we are saved, we still struggle to choose (vote for) the spirit over the flesh.

Ministry Focus

Freedom from sin

Genre: Comedy

Cast

Moderator - Female (professional persona)
Carnal Man - Male (cool and laid-back)
Spirit Man - Male (confident)
Reporter 1 - Male or female
Reporter 2 - Female
Reporter 3 - Male or female (British accent)

Costumes

Everyone is dressed in professional business attire.

Props

Writing pads, pens
4 Chairs
2 podiums (preferred, but not required)

Time: 10 mins.

Production Notes:

There are several ways to stage this debate.

Panel Setup - Have the reporters positioned on stage to question the candidates.

Press Conference Setup - Have the reporters scattered throughout the congregation question the candidates.

Town Hall Meeting Setup - Have three persons (non-reporters) "planted" in the congregation to ask questions of the candidates.

THE ELECTION DEBATE

INT. - SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

STAGING FOR A "PANEL FORMAT", THE TWO CANDIDATES ARE STANDING CENTER STAGE (PODIUMS DESIRED, BUT NOT REQUIRED). THE MODERATOR IS SEATED AT A TABLE (STAGE RIGHT). THE PANEL OF REPORTERS ARE SEATED IN A ROW OF CHAIR OR THE FIRST PEW. (STAGE LEFT).

MODERATOR

Welcome Ladies and Gentlemen to the
DAILY electoral debate for the office of
Governor of Your Life. My name is
[state name] and I will be the moderator
of this debate. Before I introduce the
candidates, let me first introduce and
welcome our distinguished panel of
journalists who will question the
candidates. (*reading from paper*) First,
the Senior Editor for the Associated
Press, [cast member name] (*everyone
stands in acknowledgement after their
name is called then sits down*). Seated
next to her/him, from CNN Cable News
Network, [cast member name], and
finally, representing the British
Broadcasting Corporation, the BBC, [cast
member name]. Thank you and welcome.
Now let me introduce the two candidates
who wish to be the Governor of Your Life
today. First, representing the Self-
Fulfillment Party, Mr. Carnal Flesh.
(*He steps forward and waves to the
audience*).

MODERATOR(cont'd)

Representing the New Freedom Party, Mr. Divine Spirit (*he steps forward and waves to the audience*). At this time we will have opening remarks by each candidate. Mr. Flesh will go first. (*Moderator sits down*).

FLESH

(Energetic)

Thank you, Madame Moderator. My fellow citizens, I stand before you again this morning desiring to govern your life today. First, let me thank those of you who voted for me yesterday. Didn't we have a good time! Now, I realize you had a few problems yesterday, but it wasn't your fault, others are to blame. Nevertheless, you also did many things that made you feel good. That's what the Self-Fulfillment Party is all about. Vote for me and I'll give you the opportunity to do what you want, when you want, and the way you want! Thank you.

MODERATOR

Now will we hear the opening remarks from Mr. Spirit.

SPIRIT

(Gracious)

Thank you, Madame Moderator. Dear friends, I too stand before you today pleading for your vote to govern your life.

SPIRIT(cont'd)

The incumbent, Mr. Flesh, has had many opportunities to improve your quality of life and has failed. The problems you faced yesterday will reoccur today and everyday. He does not represent the Self-Fulfillment Party, but rather a self-defeating party. I come to offer you a new hope and a new way of life. That's what the New Freedom Party is all about. Thank you.

MODERATOR

Thank you Mr. Spirit. Our first question of the day will come from [name] from the Associated Press.

REPORTER #1 STANDS AND READS QUESTION FROM A SMALL PAD.

REPORTER #1

The economy is in the worst condition ever. Inflation is rising and the unemployment rate is at an all time high. In these tough economic times, how can I justify paying tithes to the church?

MODERATOR

Mr. Flesh.

FLESH

Great question, and the answer is "you can't"! How can you pay your bills and do what you want to do if you keep giving your money away? Truthfully speaking, God doesn't need your money...you need your money!

FLESH(cont'd)

That's what the Self-Fulfillment Party is all about...giving you more of what you need.

MODERATOR

Mr. Spirit.

SPIRIT

I agree that times are hard, unemployment is high, and people are struggling. However, God has already promised to bless you exceedingly if you tithe. Many hardships exist because people have forfeited their blessings. Your giving should be a measure of your faith not your finances.

MODERATOR

Thank you Mr. Spirit. Our next question will be from [name] from CNN.

REPORTER 2

The latest published study by the US Census Bureau states that 50% of first time marriages fail. With such a high rate of divorce what's the point of getting married?

MODERATOR

Mr. Flesh.

FLESH

Great question. There's no point and therefore you shouldn't! Why waste your time and pay all that money just to have a wedding, and later, pay even more money to get divorced. Just live together.

FLESH(cont'd)

If things don't work, just get out of it. Use the money you saved and book a cruise with your friends to the Bahamas. That's what the Self-Fulfillment Party is all about...your self satisfaction.

MODERATOR

Mr. Spirit.

SPIRIT

The institution of marriage was established by God, not by man. Therefore the success of marriage is not based on man's statistics, but by the power of God. The high divorce rate is not a reflection of the failure of the institution of marriage, but the failure of man to give God control of their life and their marriage. Living together" as my opponent calls it, is against the law of God, the will of God, and outside of the blessings of God. God desires your marriage to last forever and if you seek His help it can.

MODERATOR

Thank you Mr. Spirit. Our last and final question will come from [name] from the British Broadcasting Corporation.

REPORTER 3

(speaking with a British accent) Thank you Madame Moderator. To the candidates, a most important question, yet a simple one.

REPORTER 3(cont'd)

If I live a clean honest life, do good,
and obey the law, will I go to Heaven
when I die?

MODERATOR

Mr. Carnal Flesh

FLESH

That is the most frequently asked
question I hear. Heaven is not for bad,
evil people. Heaven is for good,
decent, and honest people. *[Ad-lib a few
good deeds]*. That's what the Self-
Fulfillment Party is all about...working
out your soul salvation the way you want
to, when you want to.

MODERATOR

Mr. Divine Spirit, your final answer.

SPIRIT

It's good to do good deeds like *[state a
few just mentioned by Mr. Flesh]*, but
you cannot work your way into Heaven.
Heaven is more than a place for "good"
people, it's a prepared place for a
"prepared" people. So if you want to
enter into Heaven you must prepare
yourself by confessing your sins; ask
God to forgive you of your sins; and
accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and
Saviour.

MODERATOR

I extend heartfelt thanks to our
distinguished panel of journalists.

MODERATOR(cont'd)

(Initiates applause with the audience)

Thank you. We will now have closing
remarks by both candidates.

- End of Preview -

Do you want to know how this script ends?
There's a powerful ministry message at the end.

Return to the selection list and click the "Buy" button.
