

Baptism & Temptation Drama

by John Walsh

Business Man: (Sitting at a desk) “Great! Jean has given more money to the Food Pantry. We can’t keep doing that. Pretty soon we’ll be in the poor house. ... Well I guess we can always get food from the Food Pantry.”

Man in Black: “Well, you know what to do. Just turn this in on your expense account. The company will reimburse you and (ha) they won’t know what hit them. You see, you can give to ministry and have your money too. It’s called making lemonade out of lemons,’ or ‘making bread (rubbing fingers together – indicating money) out of stones.”

Man in White: “The scriptures says, ‘Man cannot live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God,’ Look to God to supply your needs.”

Business Man picks up a brochure

Man in Black: (looks disgusted at the man in white, and then turns back to the business man) “Yes, God will supply all your needs, and that (pointing to the brochure) this how His is going to do it. Sure, it is a little risky, but you have to have faith. That jackpot is worth (looking closer at the brochure) let’s see, what does it say. Oh yes, right there. It’s worth 100 million dollars.

Here is your chance to ‘jump right out there on faith.’ Borrow every dime you can get a hold of, and put it all right there. Then pray that God will cause you to win. I’m sure He will do that for you. Think how much you can give to missions.”

Man in White: “The scriptures say, ‘You must not tempt the Lord your God’ He will not protect you from the consequences of your foolishness.”

Business Man rips up the brochure

Man in Black: “We don’t need that anyway. You know what you have to do. You’re just frustrated because you are trying to put it out of your mind. (Getting close to the man’s ear, and say intensely) **Take the job offer!** You know you want it.

Business Man puts his hand to his head: “But there is no church or Christian school there. I would have to work around the clock, and my family would suffer.

Man in Black: “Oh, that no big deal. Think of the power of your new position ... the money ... the prestige. You could buy your wife a nice house – she will hardly miss you. And the kids, ... well, uh ... Oh, just buy them things. They’ll be happy. You can spend more time with them ... uh, well, ... you can spend more time with them when you retire.

Man in White leans over to speak but before he can, the business man gets up and turns towards the Man in Black: “Get out of here Satan! The Bible says God is to come first. I will worship Him, and He will be my God. I will serve Him and not myself.”

He then yells to his wife: “Honey, are you sure this is all we can give to the Food Pantry?”