

EXPRESS DELIVERY

by JOHN COSPER

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A new recruit to the prayer request delivery service learns that many people fail to receive God's gifts for lack of prayer.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: A PowerPoint slide of a pile of boxes would work as an excellent backdrop to help express the idea that this scene takes place in a warehouse.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 4

TOPIC: Prayer, Spirituality

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Matthew 7:7-8

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Worship Service, Prayer Service

CHARACTERS:

BOB—Supervisor of the express department

PETE—Bob's assistant

CHERYL—Human resources manager

RON—A new employee

PROPS: A desk, stacks of boxes, a telephone, papers on the desk

COSTUMES: Bob and Pete are in delivery uniforms. Cheryl and Ron are dressed business casual.

SOUND: Wireless microphones if desired; sound of a phone ringing

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Storeroom

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The setting is what looks like a storeroom. A desk with a phone is at center. BOB and PETE sit near the desk, both with feet propped up, sleeping. The phone rings. BOB snaps awake. He answers.

BOB: Hello? Yes...yes... *(Writes down some info)* Yes, sir, right away! *(Hangs up)* Pete!

BOB knocks PETE's feet of the desk, waking him.

BOB: We have a delivery-sector thirteen, last name Miner, first name Johnny. Item 1345543-XG. Let's get a move on!

PETE: Yes, sir!

PETE stands, finds the box, blows a ton of dust off of it, and runs off.

BOB: Wow, that's the tenth one today. Maybe they're finally getting it.

CHERYL and RON enter.

CHERYL: And this will be your department, Ron. Allow me to introduce your new boss. Bob, this is Ron.

BOB: Glad to know you, Ron. Welcome to the express department.

RON: Thank you, it's an honor to be here.

BOB: So, what do you think?

RON: Well...it's not what I expected. I mean, when I hear "express department," I expect to see people rushing back and forth, lots of activity. This looks more like a storeroom.

BOB: We get that a lot. But as you should expect, the Lord's ways are not our ways.

CHERYL: You see, Ron, the gifts that are in this room are very special. These are the ones God is most eager to get into the hands of his people. We put them here in this department so that they will be ready at all times for when people pray for them.

The phone rings. BOB answers.

BOB: Hello? Yes...yes... *(Writes down info)* I gotcha. *(Hangs up)* Pete!

PETE runs onstage.

BOB: Sector twenty, last name Lewis, first name Phil. Item 4363644-FH.

PETE: On my way!