

THE AMERICAN RESOLUTION

by Scott Crain

GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A series of people make their list of resolutions for the New Year.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Timing is everything—be certain that the lines are delivered with very short or no gaps between them, unless an intentional pause is taken occasionally for comedic beat.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 4

TOPIC: New Year

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Ecclesiastes 3:11-8, Colossians 3:23-24

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: New Year's

SUGGESTED USE: Seeker Service, Worship Service

CHARACTERS:

- 1: male or female
- 2: male or female
- 3: male or female
- 4: male or female

PROPS: Four stools (optional)

COSTUMES: Contemporary

SOUND: Four wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Unspecific

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At lights up, four actors are seated in stools across downstage. They speak directly to the audience.

1: This year...

2: ...in the year of our Lord...

3: 2005

4: A.D.

1: I, Susie Parker,

2: I, Jacob Rawlins,

3: I, Kevin Whitehead,

4: I, Pamela Ann Jennings,

1: Hereby resolve to do the following:

2: I will call my mother more often, just to see how she's doing.

3: I will spend more time with my children.

4: I will read the Bible from beginning to end.

1: I will be more patient with my boss.

2: I will be more patient with my employees.

3: I will spend more time outdoors.

4: I will read less John Grisham and more John Maxwell.

1: I will stop worrying.

2: I will stop yelling at people in traffic.

3: I will stop trying to control others.

4: I will stop making change in the offering plate.

1: I will start going to the gym.

2: I will start eating salads.

3: I will start going for evening walks.