

Give It To Me

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Theme:

This play confronts the "God owes me" attitude that many Christians adopt. I present a female character who is looking for God to give her all that she could ever want just because she asks Him for it. Another character shows her that God is willing to provide for our needs but that we error when we expect Him to give us anything that we ask for.

Biblical References:

Philippians 4:6 & 7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

John 11:22

But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.

Approximate Running Time:

10 minutes

Props:

A pad of paper

A pen

A Bible

Cast of Characters:

Beth: Beth is a Christian woman who has gotten some incorrect information somewhere along the way which has caused her to error in her beliefs. She is open and willing to learn the truths of the Word from others.

Kim: Kim is a strong Christian woman who is not afraid to share her faith with those who are around her. She is a friend of Beth's who becomes concerned after hearing her identify a poor interpretation of biblical truths.

Scene:

Beth is sitting at center stage. She is busy writing a list of the things that she will ask of the Lord. Kim enters just before Beth says that she'll ask for a million dollars. Kim turns and moves towards Beth and confronts her friend with her comments.

Beth: [*Writing a list.*] A new car, a better job, new clothes, a new TV, a stereo, a VCR, a new dining room set, those curtains I would just die for, that new addition on our house, a horse, a cow, two pigs, well, hey, why do I need a job, I'll just ask for a million dollars, tax free, that should be enough to take care of me for the rest of my life.

Kim: Did I just hear you say that you have a million dollars, tax free?

Beth: [*Decidedly.*] Yes I did.

Kim: How did you get it?

Beth: Well, I don't have it yet, but I'm sure that it won't be long now.

Kim: How will you get it?

Beth: The Lord will give it to me.

Kim: The Lord will give it to you?

Beth: Yes, the Lord will give it to me.

Kim: Why would the Lord give you a million dollars, tax free?

Beth: Because I asked him for it.

Kim: Wait a minute. You're gonna tell me that you are expecting to get a million tax free dollars just because you asked the Lord to give it to you?

Beth: That's right.

Kim: You have got to be kidding me! What cult do you belong to?

Beth: I don't belong to a cult. Why would you think that I'm in a cult?

Kim: Well, it's just that what you just said sounds like something you'd learned in a cult.

Beth: Well, in my case it's not a cult thing. It's a Biblical thing.

Kim: You learned that from the Bible?

Beth: Yes, I did.

Kim: What Bible are you reading? The new and improved accountant "how to make a million tax free dollars" version?

Beth: No, it's the NIV version. I didn't know that there was a version of the Bible that was written just for accountants.

Kim: There isn't. I was just pulling your leg.

Beth: Oh. Well, I didn't think that the NIV stands for anything bad, does it?

Kim: No, I'd say that that's a good version to be reading, but I can't recall a portion of the NIV Bible which promises a million tax free dollars for the asking.

Beth: Well, the Bible doesn't specifically say that I can have a million tax free dollars for the asking.

Kim: That's what I thought. So why do you think that you can get a million tax free dollars from God?

Beth: Well, I was reading my Bible and I came upon a verse that said that I could have anything that I wished for. The verse says that all that I have to do is ask for it and it would be given to me.

Kim: I don't believe you. Where did you read that in the Bible? Do you remember?

Beth: Yeah, I memorized the verse.

Kim: Okay. Can you recite it for me?

Beth: Sure. Philippians 4:6. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God and He will give them to you.

Kim: I don't think that you learned the verse right.

Beth: Let's see...[Reaches for her Bible.] Here it is. [Reading.] Philippians 4:6. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Kim: I think that you learned it wrong.

Beth: All right. You're right. I learned it wrong. But I still think that I got the meaning of the verse right, didn't I?

Kim: How exactly did you get a million tax free dollars from that?

Beth: Well, in my Bible that verse is cross-referenced with John 11:22. [Turn there.] John 11:22 says, [Reading] But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.

Kim: So...go ahead and explain why you think that the two are related.

Beth: Well, the first verse says that we should present our requests to God and the second verse says that He will give us what we ask. I figured that I could live the rest of my life without ever having to work again on a million dollars if it was tax free. So that's what I'm asking for.

Kim: I see. So that's what you are going to ask God for?

Beth: Well, that's what I was planning to do. You don't think that it's wrong for me to ask God to give me money, do you?

Kim: You're asking me if I think that it's wrong?

Beth: Yes. Do you think that it's wrong of me?

Kim: Well, why don't you tell me? Does it sound at all greedy to you?

Beth: Greedy?

Kim: Yes. Does asking the Lord to provide you with a cool million dollars, tax free, sound greedy to you?

Beth: Well, I guess that it does sound a bit greedy. Do you think that I should leave off the tax free part?

Kim: No.

Beth: Oh good.

Kim: I think that you should leave off the cool million part?

Beth: What good is tax free if there isn't anything that doesn't have to be taxed.

Kim: Okay, then you can leave off the tax free part too.

Beth: Oh, I get it.

Kim: How did you get to the point that you decided to ask God for a million dollars, tax free?

Beth: I've spent over half of my life actually working for the things that I wanted. And now I can say that I've had enough of this working for a living stuff.

Kim: Well, of course you had to work for everything that have. That's what everyone has to do.

Beth: Yes, but I just read how I don't have to do that anymore right there in the Bible.

Kim: Oh, I get it. You think that all that you have to do is ask something of God and He has to give it to you. Do you think that the Bible is the newest get rich scheme?

Beth: Well, isn't that what it says?

Kim: God promises to take care of us, but the Bible never says that all Christians are gonna' be rich - as far as money goes.

Beth: What do you mean?

Kim: God doesn't just give us anything that we ask of Him. He's not the ultimate Tooth Fairy.

Beth: But didn't the verse that we just read say that He does.

Kim: That's what it says but it isn't what it means.

Beth: So, if this verse doesn't mean that I can ask God for anything that I want, then what does it mean?

Kim: Well, God will give us more than we could ever imagine. In fact, He already has. He gave us Jesus. This verse is specifically telling us that we can expect to receive everything that is within God's will for us.

Beth: Oh, you're talkin' about God's will for our lives. I've heard of that before. Well, how do I find out what God's will is for me?

Kim: You read the Bible, you meditate on what you read, and you let the Holy Spirit speak to you.

Beth: Well, can't the Holy Spirit tell me that I'm gonna' get a million dollars?

Kim: I suppose so, but the Holy Spirit will probably tell you that you should refrain from sin, witness to others about your faith, and give of yourself.

Beth: So I guess what you're saying is that the only way that I can get a million dollars is if I give it to myself.

Kim: That sounds like a great idea.

Beth: But what if I don't have it to give?

Kim: Then you should go out and earn it first. I think that you're falling into the trap of believing that money is the way to happiness.

Beth: It isn't?

Kim: No. The blessings that the Lord will provide to you are worth far more than money.

Beth: Really?

Kim: Really. Besides I'd much rather have more in my heavenly account than I have in my bank account. I will lose all of my money on the day that I die, but I will never lose what I have deposited in my heavenly account.

Beth: I guess that I have a lot to learn about "accounting."

Kim: Well, I have an idea. How about we go and get some ice cream together. [*They start to exit.*] I'll show you how easy it is to depart with money when you are doing something good for someone else?

Beth: Okay, but how are you going to teach me that over ice cream?

Kim: You're buying.

Beth: [*Exiting.*] Oh, I get it...

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