

Right Now

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Theme:

This play brings to light to the fact that dwelling on the bad things that are happening around us rarely results in anything positive. We have to have a positive attitude regarding our walk with the Lord.

Biblical Reference:

Ephesians 4:23-24

To be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Approximate Running Time:

10 minutes

Cast of Characters:

Bill: Bill is a Christian friend of Ted's. He's just an ordinary guy.

Ted: Ted is a Christian friend of Bill's. He too is just an ordinary guy.

Notes:

The timing of this play is crucial. The lines should be said right after another with little space in between most lines. The tempo of the play can be either fast or slow, but shouldn't be both. There are a couple of lines that need to be said quickly, they are obvious. The characters can be of either sex. The names can be changed to those of the actors.

Scene:

It is just two hours before midnight on New Year's Eve. Bill and Ted are sitting together on a front porch talking about the year that is just about to pass.

Bill: Well, here we are just two hours before midnight on another New Year's Eve.

Ted: [*Looking at his watch.*] Hey it is. WOW, it's hard to believe that another year has gone by all ready.

Bill: And what a year this has been. I'll tell ya, this world just keeps on getting worse and worse. There's more crime, more unsafe places to live, more teen-age pregnancies and suicides.

Ted: More television violence and sex, more disgusting advertising...

Bill: More preachers' mistakes publicized...

Ted: More rumors of war...

Bill: More earthquakes, floods and blizzards...

Ted: More airplane crashes...

Bill: More drunk drivers...

Ted: More people Hit by drunk drivers...

Bill: More taxes, a deeper government deficit, a recession, higher prices, higher unemployment...

Ted: Less people in church...

Bill: More people at football games, soccer games, baseball games...

Ted: Global warming, aerosol cans...

Bill: More tabloid magazines, and the Home Shopper Channel...

Ted: [*Short pause.*] It sure is depressing, isn't it? Let's see if we can think of anything good that happened this year.

Bill: Hmmm. Let's see. Boy, that's a tough one.

Ted: Come on now, there has got to be something.

Bill: I got a new car.

Ted: No, I'm not talking about things that you've been doing, I'm talking about, like, everybody things.

Bill: Oh. Um...Hey, I've got one.

Ted: Me, too. You go first.

Bill: Okay, chocolate!

Ted: Come on!

Bill: Ok, ok. Well, there's a lot of people who got saved this year.

Ted: And a lot of people who grew closer to the Lord too.

Bill: There are a lot of people who got married this year.

Ted: And they had a lot of kids.

Bill: But many of those kids will be abused by their parents.

Ted: We're supposed to be talking about good things that have happened this past year.

Bill: Oh yeah. Well technology continues to advance.

Ted: But at the same time technology continues to make things more complicated.

Bill: Hey, we're supposed to stay positive here.

Ted: Oh yeah. I forgot. It's easy to get negative when we're thinking about what's going on in the world.

Bill: I know what you mean. Do you mind if I start to get personal now?

Ted: I guess so. Maybe we can think of more positive things if we focus in on our own lives instead of looking at society in general.

Bill: Here goes. Well, I am another year older. I've been able to see my children grow another year older.

Ted: Yeah, and I'm another year wiser. And a year's worth closer to God!

Bill: I prayed more than I did last year, I read my Bible more than I did last year, I attended church more than I did last year, and I even went to Sunday school a couple of times this year.

Ted: I was able to lead someone to the Lord this year.

Bill: Me, too. [Pause.] Wow, you know, if I look at things the right way I can see that God has blessed me a lot this past year. I just didn't know it.

Ted: Same with me. [Pause.] Wow, you know what? We have one less year until Christ returns to take us to heaven.

Bill: Actually, we have one less day.

Ted: One less hour.

Bill: One less minute.

Ted: One less second.

BOTH: Until Christ returns!

Ted: Wow, I guess it doesn't matter what the year was like if we look at it from that perspective. I mean, what can possibly top that?

Bill: Nothing that I can think of.

Ted: Hey, do you want to pray with me?

Bill: You mean right now, right here?

Ted: Yeah.

Bill: I guess so.

[*They now pray.*]

Ted: Oh Lord. I'm sorry for not seeing all the awesome things that you've done for me this past year. I realize that there are a lot of people who are worse off than I think I am. Please help me to remember this as I try to live each day for you, to be closer to you, to feel more fulfilled in my spiritual life so that others can see it in my life. Show me how to get closer to you. Amen.

Bill: Lord, please show me how You want me to live, and please give me the right attitude and viewpoint for this new year. Thank you for your son and what He did for all of us when He died on the cross. I don't know where I would be if it wasn't for You and all that you've done for us. You are Great! I love you, Lord. Amen.

Ted: Wasn't that great?

Bill: I've never prayed with anyone else before. That was pretty powerful.

Ted: It's a great way to kick off the new year, isn't it?

Bill: It would be a great way to kick off any day.

Ted: I agree. So what kind of things should we look forward to this new year?

Bill: There are a lot of things we can look forward to this year.

Ted: And there are a lot of things we should improve in our lives.

Bill: And there are a lot of things that we should start doing.

Ted: That's right!

Bill: So let's start them...

Bill: Or stop them...

BOTH: RIGHT NOW!!

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