

That's My Point, Exactly

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Theme:

This play conveys the fact that a Christian should always be aware of the message that they are giving through the things that they say and do to anyone who happens to be around them.

Biblical Reference:

Philippians 1:27

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Approximate Running Time:

10 minutes

Props:

A T-shirt which simply reads:

Watch Me!

I am a Child of God!

Cast of Characters:

Bill: Bill is a Christian who doesn't quite take his walk with the Lord seriously enough. He is sarcastic with Ted's ideas at first, but he slowly becomes open to Ted's instruction.

Ted: Ted is a strong Christian who is not afraid to share his faith with those who are around him. He is always looking for the opportunity to tell of his faith to those who are around him, whether they be Christians or non-Christians.

Scene:

Ted is casually walking around on the stage as if he was window shopping at the local mall. Bill enters the stage opposite of Ted, spots him and approaches him.

Bill: What are you doing walking around with that silly T-shirt on?

Ted: What's so silly about my T-shirt?

Bill: "Watch me, I am a child of God?" That doesn't seem silly to you?

Ted: No.

Bill: Well, I mean, what's the point of it?

Ted: Of my shirt?

Bill: Yeah, of your shirt. What point are you trying to make?

Ted: [*Simply.*] I am a child of God. It's my responsibility to act like a child of God. I want other people to watch the way that I act so that they know how a child of God should act. What's so silly about that?

Bill: Aren't you being a bit self-righteous by making that statement? I mean I'm a child of God too, but you don't see me walking around proclaiming it to everyone that I see. I try to blend into the crowd, not stand out - like you're doing.

Ted: Why, thank you.

Bill: Thank you? What are you thanking me for?

Ted: [*Matter-of-factly.*] Your compliment.

Bill: My compliment? [*Defensively.*] When did I compliment you?

Ted: Just now.

Bill: Just now?

Ted: Yeah, just now. You just said that I am standing out in a crowd. That's a compliment to me.

Bill: Why is that a compliment?

Ted: Because that's just what I'm trying to do. Stand out in a crowd.

Bill: You confuse me.

Ted: What's confusing about what I just said?

Bill: You just said that you want to stand out in a crowd? You're probably going to tell me that God asks us to stand out from a crowd by wearing a silly T-shirt, aren't you?

Ted: Well, I believe that, in a way, yes. God does ask us to stand out in a crowd by wearing a silly T-shirt.

Bill: I can't wait to hear you explain this one.

Ted: It's simple. God commands us to be different from the world that is around us. We are to be in the world, but not of it. That means that we should stand out from the crowd. That means when we are compared with a person who is not a child of God there should be some obvious differences.

Bill: Obvious differences? Well, what kind of differences are you talking about?

Ted: Well, I'm not saying that all non-Christians appear to be bad [*emphasize bad*] people, but you'll probably find at least one thing in a non-Christians life that you shouldn't find in the life of a Christian.

Bill: What kind of things are you talking about?

Ted: [*As if listing them on his fingers.*] Things like swearing, drinking, premarital or extramarital sex, greed, the love of money, rude behavior, selfishness, prideful thinking, and stuff like that.

Bill: What's wrong with all of those things? I mean, this is America, you know. Those kind of things are going on all around us all the time.

Ted: So, what's your point?

Bill: When you're in Rome, you should do as the Romans do, right?

Ted: That's not right! I just said that the Bible says that we are to be in the world but not of it. Can you tell me what that means to you?

Bill: Sure. Uh...That we're to be...uh...in the world...uh...but...not...of...it?

Ted: Well, at least I know that you were paying attention to what I was saying, but I want to know what that means to you. Try to put it into your own words.

Bill: Uh...Well...I guess that I just don't know.

Ted: Well, then let's break it down into two sentences. What does it mean to be in the world?

Bill: [*Tentative.*] To be here, like on the world?

Ted: That's right!

Bill: All right!

Ted: Now for the hard part. We are not to be "of" the world. What do you think I would mean if I told you that I want to be "of" something.

Bill: [*Tentative.*] Like...to be a part of it?

Ted: Hey, that's great. Now you only have to put the two together. So now can you tell me, what does it mean to be in the world, but not of it?

Bill: [*Tentative.*] To be here on the world, physically, I mean, but not be a part of it, like not do the things that everyone else is doing.

Ted: That's great. That's it, exactly.

Bill: [*Proud of himself.*] That wasn't too hard.

Ted: It's not that hard to figure out what scripture means. You just have to think about it for a little while.

Bill: So, now what does this have to do with your shirt?

Ted: Well, if people who are not Christians are to be here in the world, and of it, then they should be a lot different than those of us who are Christians, 'cause we're here in the world but we aren't of it. My T-shirt helps them see that I think that I'm different than they are and, hopefully, they can see that my shirt is right after they watch me for a little while.

Bill: So, you want people to watch the way that you act so that they can see what being a Christian is all about?

Ted: That's exactly right. So, do you think that if you were wearing a shirt like this that people would learn the same thing that they would learn while I'm wearing it?

Bill: I don't know. But I'll tell you that I sure hope so.

Ted: I sure hope so too. But even if you aren't wearing a shirt like this you can still act as if you have one on.

Bill: Do you mean that I should be showing other people how to be a Christian no matter where I go and no matter what I do?

Ted: That's my point, exactly!

[*They exit.*]

Bill: So, how can I get a shirt like that one?

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