

What's Wrong With That?

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Theme:

This play shows the audience how a Sunday Christian looks to the rest of the world. I emphasize the importance of acting like a Christian in all situations no matter how you feel regarding the situation that you are stuck in.

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 pad of paper.

A pencil.

A policeman's uniform.

A recording of a siren.

Cast of Characters:

Bob: Bob is a fast-talking, nervous, 'why-me' type of a person. He thinks that he is a Christian but he doesn't act like one.

Officer: The Police Officer is a laid back, calm type of a person. He is a Christian who is out to do a good deed for someone who he thinks is a fellow Christian.

Notes:

The names of this play can be changed to those of the performers. The characters do not have to be male. The letters WDCX represent the call letters of a local Christian radio station in the Buffalo area. They can be replaced with the call letters of a station which your audience will be familiar with. The comedy of this sketch will be greatly enhanced if Bob embellishes his part with hand motions and exaggerated speech. i.e. The type of conduct that should not normally be displayed in front of a Police Officer.

Scene:

Bob has just been pulled over by the Police Officer. The two should appear from opposite sides of the stage implying that they have just left their cars.

[A Police siren is heard, cars stopping.]

Bob: Oh great! Why me! What did I do wrong! I don't need this today.

Officer: Good evening sir.

Bob: Excuse me officer, but I believe that I was traveling the posted speed limit, now wasn't I?

Officer: Yes you were, but I...

Bob: And I wasn't swerving in and out of the lane, now was I?

Officer: No, you were driving just fine. I pulled you over because...

Bob: You don't mistake me for a criminal do you?

Officer: Why, no. I pulled you over for nothing at all like that...

Bob: I don't believe that my registration is expired, now is it? [Turns to look at windshield. Smiles as he points to it]. No, I guess not.

Officer: It looks to me as if your registration is good for six more months. Listen, I...

Bob: My car wasn't reported as stolen was it? I mean I didn't report it as stolen. I wasn't even at the Galleria mall today.

Officer: I don't believe that it was reported as being stolen...

Bob: Oh, you must have gotten a report that a car like mine was involved in an accident and you wanted to ask me some questions about where I have just been. Well, I can tell you where I was, all that you had to do was ask...

Officer: That's not it at all. You see I...

Bob: Surely you don't think that I have been drinking, do you? I assure you that my blood alcohol level is well below the legal limit.

Officer: I am happy to hear that sir. But I really...

Bob: Oh, I get it...You're low on your quota of speeding tickets aren't you. You just decided to pull over a random car, even if it was a totally innocent person, just to make yourself look good to your superiors. Well, I don't care for such corruption. What do you have to say for yourself?

Officer: I didn't pull you over to give you a ticket. If you would just listen to ...

Bob: Oh, this looks like a brand new Police car. You just got it, eh? I bet you are going to tell me that you were just trying out your new lights and siren. Well, you're wasting my time. Your car works great, just great. Do you think that you can let me go now?

Officer: Will you just settle down, or do I have to handcuff your mouth shut?

Bob: Oh, you're the aggressive type. I'll play along with your little power struggle game.

Officer: Listen to me. I saw that you have a WDCX bumper sticker on your car, so I figured that you were a Christian, but I guess I was wrong.

Bob: You're not going to beat me are you? I know that you Police officers beat people because of their race, but I didn't know that your type beat people just because of their religion. I never thought that I would see the day that a innocent man, minding his own business, could be stopped by an Officer of the law just because he was a Christian.

Officer: I guess you don't listen to WDCX, do you?

Bob: Sure I do. It's always on when I'm in the car. As a matter of fact, if I wasn't standing out here in the middle of the road, for no apparent reason, talking with you then I would be listening to it right now.

Officer: The radio may be tuned to WDCX, but you don't listen, do you?

Bob: Of course I listen. What are you trying to say?

Officer: Your ears may be open, but is your brain turned on?

Bob: Are you calling me stupid? I'll have you know that this the lowest form of officer brutality. You should be ashamed of yourself. I demand to know who your supervising officer is. I can guarantee you that you will be seeing a demotion if I have anything to say about it.

Officer: Just listening to something does you no good, you have to pay attention to what you are listening to. Then you have to apply what you have learned.

Bob: Hey, that's too much work.

Officer: Being a Christian is supposed to mean that you live a Christ like life.

Bob: Nobody does that anymore around here, you must be from the Bible belt or something. I'm no worse than anyone else.

Officer: That's the wrong attitude.

Bob: Yeah, yeah. You live your own life and I'll live mine. Hey, let's get back to the reason that we are standing here in the middle of the street. Why did you pull me over?

Officer: That WDCX sticker is old; it's falling apart. I just picked up a bunch of their new ones, I just thought that you might like one.


Bob: That's it? That's the entire reason why you pulled me over?

Officer: Yep. I do it all the time. Most people thank me for it. I don't know why you're so defensive.

Bob: They taught me that in driving school. [*Attempting to show the officer that he isn't the fool that he has been acting like.*] Hey, look, you caught me off guard. If I had known that you were a fellow Christian I would not have been this rude to you. Yeah, and if you had seen me in church you would have seen a totally different person. I guarantee it.

Officer: [*Aside.*] Why am I not surprised?

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