



“A Gift THEY Don’t Deserve”

Production Notes

One of a series of four skits about gifts, used during an event entitled “Good and Perfect Gifts.”

SUMMARY: After a family reunion, a mother consoles her upset daughter after she is hurt by an aunt.

THEME: God gives only good and perfect gifts. He gave us the gift of forgiveness, something we did not deserve. Sometimes we are called upon to give the gift of forgiveness to those who don’t deserve it.

CHARACTERS:

Narrator
Daughter
Mom

SETTING AND PROPS

Sign “Family Reunion”
Antique hair brush

TIMING: Approximately 7 to 10 minutes

SCRIPT:

Narrator: After a family reunion, a mother and daughter sit, talking about the day’s events.

Mom: Sweetie, maybe Aunt Edna didn’t realize what she was saying when she said those hurtful things to you.

Daughter: *(not said in a bitter manner)* She knew what she was saying, Mom. She meant to hurt me. She’s always said things like that to me and not to the other cousins. I don’t know what I’ve done to make her talk to me the way she does.

Mom: Honey, you haven’t done anything. I can’t make excuses for your Aunt Edna’s behavior. She’s always been a difficult person, and believe me, you aren’t the only one she has stepped on over the years! She has a gift for offending people.

Daughter: Mom, I’ve been thinking about it and I’ve decided I want to give Aunt Edna a gift.

Mom: A gift? What in the world for? You don't have to give her a gift. She doesn't deserve one. She has NEVER treated you nicely. The way she has catered to your cousin and mistreated and ignored you is shameful.

Daughter: I know, but that's just the way she is. It's easy to give gifts to people who love you. People probably never give Aunt Edna gifts. I just feel like I want to give her something.

Mom: Well, I don't really agree with you. It could very well backfire on you. Aunt Edna may not respond the way you are hoping. I'm speaking from experience--she has bitten my head off more than once in the past when I've tried to reach out to her.

Daughter: Maybe not...but I still want to give her a gift, and I have an idea.

Mom: What's your idea?

Daughter: Do you remember this silver antique hairbrush that great-grandma left me? Aunt Edna has always loved it, and her hair is so beautiful. Don't you think she would like to have it?

Mom: She might like the hairbrush, but she won't appreciate the sacrifice you are making to give it to her. She always resented that you were the one that got it. No-- I'm not going to let you do that. You will really appreciate that when you get a little older. And it's more valuable than you realize.

Daughter: But mom, I wouldn't want to give her something that didn't mean anything to me. I want her to know that I still love her, that we're still family, and that I want a relationship. Even if she never likes me, or never says thank you, I will know that I have done what I thought was right.

Mom: You could end up getting hurt even more.

Daughter: Well, Mom...is it mine to give?

Mom: Yes, but great-grandma wanted you to have it. But it is yours. I guess you can do what you want to with it.

Daughter: Okay, then I want give it to her. Besides, I would want someone to offer me a second chance if I ever needed it someday.

Mom: Or in Edna's case, a third, or fourth, or 70x7...

Narrator: There is a costly gift that cannot be bought or earned; it can only be given. Our sins cost Jesus His blood on the cross, which He shed for the forgiveness of our sins. And we who are forgiven should freely forgive others just as our Father

forgave us. When we know Christ, He enables us not to return evil for evil, but instead we can return blessings.