

OUR HEART HOUSE
Copyright 2013, Paul Spite
For one time use by churches, all other rights reserved

Purpose:

What if Jesus could really come in our lives and literally walk through each aspect of it like a house? Are there areas we wouldn't want him to see? If God is to be the new manager, He has to be allowed full access, not only to enter, but to remodel.

Characters:

Jesus

Everyman - represents each of us. Proud of some accomplishments, not so proud of others.

Props:

This can be handled several ways, depending on how detailed you are and props available

Option 1 -- Linear approach. The living room is set up at one end of the stage. Areas are identified with signs hanging on makeshift door posts. As Jesus and Everyman proceed down the line, they encounter different "rooms". At each room are different items to indicate function, such as a large piggy bank, exercise equipment, food pyramid chart, large clock, calendar, punching bag (temper room), bookcase with books, stereo and tapes or CD's, treasure box.

Option 2 -- Central approach. The living room is set up center stage with all other rooms surrounding it. You would actually "see through" the walls (since they wouldn't be there) into other rooms. Of course, the two would stop at fictitious doors for their discussions

Skit opens with various areas set as different rooms. Everyman sits in a chair reading a newspaper. Beside him, outside of imaginary door, is a sign reading "Everyman's House" Jesus comes to the door, looks at sign, knocks. Everyman opens the door....

Everyman: Come on in. I was hoping you'd come!

Jesus: I notice you've been having a little trouble maintaining your heart house. Any chance you'd let me manage it for you? If you will, I can help you. Give me the house. Total ownership. You can lease it back for the rest of your life. But under my management, you'd have none of the difficulties you now face.

Everyman: Don't know about that. I like being in charge of things. My name out front. But, I have been making a mess of things. You might be right. It could be the answer to my problems. All right! The house is yours!

They step outside and turn the sign around. New sign reads "Jesus' House - Under New Management"

Jesus: Why don't you give me a tour now, so I can see what needs to be worked on.

Everyman: Sure! Let's start here. (*Goes to first room - the money room*) This is my money room. You can see it's in pretty good shape. Here's where I determine how much to pay in tithes and offerings. You'll also notice I have a budget. I use it to practice good stewardship of what you've blessed me with.

Jesus: You're right! This room's in very good shape. We can move on.

Everyman: Great! This next one I call my physical room. Notice that I have the food pyramid up. To remind myself to take care of my bodily temple. That chart is a record of my exercises. I try to stay in good health.

Jesus: It's clear you do a good job maintaining my temple. You're well equipped to handle whatever comes up in part of life. Where to next?

Everyman: Well, this is my time room.

Jesus: *(Steps in, looks around)* Hmmmm!

Everyman: Now you can run everything here ... except for Friday nights. Those I keep for myself.

Jesus: I'm sorry. It's all or nothing. I don't manage on a part time basis.

Everyman: Well... I suppose - if you insist.... *(Hesitant, thinking it over)* Well, all right.

Jesus: You made the right choice. Any other rooms in the house?

Everyman: Well, ... Uh....

Jesus: Is that a "No"?

Everyman: Well, there is. But you don't want to see it.

Jesus: Why not?

Everyman: Well, it's ugly! Really nasty!

Jesus: That's what I'm here for. To take care of problem areas that are out of control.

Everyman: Yes, but it's my TEMPER ROOM! I need to just keep it locked up.

Jesus: We can handle anything together. Open it! *(They open door. Everyman becomes visibly upset, till Jesus reaches out a hand, calms him down)* I know this is hard. But I must have control of all your heart.

Everyman:: I know. But we need to keep this closet door shut. It's my books, tapes, videos, ..You know, things that go in my mind. Not my heart.

Jesus: *(Opens door)* Whatsoever things are good. Whatsoever things are pure. Whatsoever things are holy. Think on these things! Let's see. *(Pulls items out, looks at titles)* Good? "Vexing Vixens"? No!... Pure? "True Crime Confession"? No!.... Holy? "Massacre on Halloween Lane"? No!

Everyman: *(Embarrassed)* Probably needs cleaned out a little.

Jesus: Well, is that it? *(Makes a point of looking at last door)*

Everyman: Um! That's my treasure room. Where I keep what's special to me. My card collection. Memories of first times. Promotions on the job. Every car I've ever spent hours detailing. Surely you won't need me to clean up those. *(Jesus doesn't say anything. Everyman looks around)* But you've already done such a good job with the rest of my heart. Feels better since you took over. I guess if I want you to stay. *(Everyman steps forward and hands Jesus a key)* The key to my treasure room. The whole house is yours.

Jesus: *(Smiles)* Then since this is where you keep what's precious to you, this room is where I'll stay.

Jesus reaches forward to unlock door with key as lights go out.