



TICKET TO CHURCH

A Comedy Sketch for 2 Actors about Favoritism in Church

James 2:3-4

"If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, 'Here's a good seat for you,' but say to the poor man, 'You stand there,' or 'Sit on the floor by my feet,'..."

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CAST

CHURCH USHER (Male or Female) Longtime usher entrenched in the seating system at First Church of Hope.

CHURCH GUEST (Male or Female) Looking for hope. Unaccustomed to church.

SANCTUARY – SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

CHURCH USHER at back of sanctuary. If possible, quiet praise music or organ plays in background.

As GUEST enters, USHER extends hand to take ticket.

USHER

Hello sir, and welcome to First Church of Hope. I just need to scan your ticket, sir.

GUEST

My ticket?

USHER

Yes, your admission ticket, sir.

GUEST

Excuse me?

USHER

I'm sorry. We...won't be able to seat you, sir, without your ticket.

GUEST

How did these people get here?

USHER

They showed their ticket, sir.

GUEST

There's plenty of room. Can I just grab that open seat over there?

USHER

No, that's VIP, sir.

What?

Big Givers, sir.

GUEST

USHER
(obviously)

GUEST

OK, I'll just sit over here.

USHER

Whoa, whoa, sir, I'm sorry, that's reserved for our **Above and Beyond** seating. For those who regularly give more than 10%.

GUEST

Wow. OK, I'll just head to that far corner.

USHER

Whoa, that's our **Bare Minimum** section there sir, for those who cough up 10% or less, but on a regular basis.

GUEST

OK, then over here's fine.

USHER

Oh no sir, that's reserved for our **Up and Comers** – for those who have not yet made a financial contribution but they show big giving potential. You know...med students, future hedge fund managers...you know the type.

GUEST

Alright, take me to that back corner.

USHER

Oh, **Widow's Mite** seating. They don't have squat, but they give it all.

GUEST

Balcony?

USHER

Fixed Income.

GUEST

Mezzanine?

USHER

Unemployed. Minors and losers.

GUEST

Remote room with the simulcast?

USHER

Backsliders.

GUEST

How about up there?

USHER

House Seats....Pastor's friends and family.

GUEST

There?

USHER

Legacy Section...families who've been here 50 years or more.

GUEST

How about those 2 chairs on stage?

USHER

Lifetime Estate donors.

GUEST

Nevermind, I'll just listen in the lobby.

USHER

Hold it. Lobby? That's reserved for **Cheerful Givers**. Not about how much they give – it's all about their face.

GUEST

Can I listen from the parking lot?

USHER

That's for the **bloodsuckers and leeches!** Come every week. Never give a dime.

GUEST

Is there a place for a someone just looking for hope?

USHER

Hope? Lemme check. Wow, never...

USHER takes paper seating chart from pocket...H...H....

Doesn't look like it. But we do offer **our services online**.

It's only ten dollars a month for **the subscription...**

Yelling after him.

and it's only a hundred a year if you pay it in full!

Beat.

Yelling again.

I'll be sure to take that hope idea to the Board, sir!

Afterthought, to self.

Hope...interesting concept.

Greets next guest, approaching off stage.

Hey, how's it going? Welcome to First Church of Hope.

THE END