

A script from



“Crowding Out Thanksgiving”

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What A script on being thankful in culture of consumption. Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas discuss which is the best holiday on a radio program.

Themes: Thanksgiving, Focus, Consumerism

Who Solomon
Chris -Christmas
Hal- Halloween
Than- Thanksgiving
Friday- Black Friday

When Present

Wear (Props) Solomon is dressed in a suit
Chris looks somewhat like Santa Clause
Hal is dressed like a skeleton or some other Halloween costume
Than is dressed as a pilgrim
Friday is dressed in black, goth/emo clothing.

Set in a radio studio, so go as big or as small as you'd like.
Table and 4 chairs
Christmas decorations for Chris to set out on the table.

Why 1 Timothy 6:6-8

How Keep the dialogue moving so the skit doesn't drag. The costumes are suggestions. Whatever you wear should tell the audience which character you are.

Time Approximately 8 minutes

Chris, Hal, and Than sit in chairs behind a table each with table mics. **Chris** looks a little like Santa Claus, **Hal** like a skeleton and **Than** like a pilgrim. The host in network-approved suit sits opposite.

SFX: TV News Show rejoinder music plays

Solomon: Welcome back to "News & Views", a midday chat show mostly for people stuck in airports. I'm your sensitive and appropriately concerned host Solomon Serious. My guests are three beloved and cherished holidays from the fall season. Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. New Year's Day was supposed to join us, but unfortunately he overslept.

Hal: Boo!

Solomon: Still not funny, Halloween.

Hal: Sorry.

Chris: Can we call him Fall Festival? I mean, we're in a church after all.

Solomon: Would that make you more comfortable?

Chris: Yes.

Hal: Fine by me. As long as there's candy and costumes, I'm in.

Solomon: Fine. Fall Festival, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Before we went to break we were discussing whether or not each of you felt like you were getting your chance to shine.

Than: Yes, I was-

Hal: Oh yeah. As soon as Labor Day is gone, it's all about me baby! Everyone loves Halloween parties, Mwahahaha-

Chris: Fall Festival

Chris begins setting up a bunch of decorations. First in front of himself, and then extending across the entire table.

Hal: Right. Fall Festival parties. And the kids get candy! Can there be a better holiday?

Solomon: That's precisely what we're here to find out. Which is the best fall holiday?

Than: I'm glad you asked because-

Hal: *(Noticing Chris's stuff all over the table)* Are you serious, Chris?

Chris: What?

Solomon: Is there a problem?

Hal: Is there- Look! Chris is setting up all his stuff already. Like right in front of me.

Chris: I'm sorry. It's time.

Solomon: Already?

Chris: There's one thing Christmas must do. Move merchandise. Retail is completely dependent on me.

Than: I can't even see my-

Hal: Well, at least wait until after Fall Festival, okay. I mean...know your place.

Than: But wait. Shouldn't-

Chris: Fine. But don't come crying to me when no one has any money to buy candy because we're all in a huge recession.

Solomon: Gentlemen, please. We're here to determine which holiday is the best.

Chris: From a GDP, standpoint. It's definitely me.

Solomon: Would either of you like to challenge that?

Hal: No.

Than: No. That's not really my thing. I'm more about-

Friday, a girl dressed a bit emo, emerges from behind **Than**, elbowing in and taking the microphone from him.

Friday: *(Calmly almost sotto voice)* There's a sale on purses...leather. Really nice... *(beat)* Sale on purses. **Friday** disappears behind the table once again.)

Solomon: Uh. Who was that?

Than: Oh, please just ignore her.

Solomon: You guys know anything about this?

Chris and Hal look off, trying to look inconspicuous.

Solomon: *(Cont'd)* Uh, huh.

Than: Look, we can't have a conversation about holidays without talking about WHY we have the holi-

Friday emerges once again and takes the mic.

Friday: I have a really important announcement. Really important. Stores will be opening at 4am. 4am. You can start standing in line at midnight. Go crazy.

Friday disappears behind the table.

Solomon: Come on. You guys have to know something about her.

Hal: That's Thanksgiving's friend. Girl Friday.

Chris: You mean Black Friday.

Solomon: Can we say that on TV?

Than: She's not my friend! And she always does this!

Chris: I don't know why you're making such a fuss.

Than: She ruins it every year with her blatant commercialism. Every year!

Chris: I think you should just embrace it. Worked for me.

Friday emerges once again.

Friday: Correction. Stores will be opening at 8pm the night before.

Than: WHAT?!

Friday: That's 8pm. Between the second and third football game or whenever you're done with your little snack.

Than: Little snack!? It's a feast!

Friday: Just come by and start shopping. You can get a GoPro for a hundred bucks.

Chris: Are you kidding me? A hundred bucks?

Friday: Nope...not kidding. A hundred bucks.

Hal: We should get in line.

Chris: Can you drive? My sleigh is in the shop.

Hal and Chris stand.

Solomon: Looks like we're about out of time anyway. We'll have to leave this question for another time.

Than: I was hoping we could-

Friday: Shop vacs are now buy two get one free at Sears.

Than: Stop that!

Solomon: My thanks to our guests the three biggest holidays at the end of the year. Fall Festival, Christmas, and of course Black Friday.

Than: Hey!

Chris: (To **Friday**) How's your sister doing?

Friday: Cyber Monday is making a killing.

Chris: Oh, good for her.

Solomon: I need a few shop vacs. Can I get a ride?

Hal: Spooktacular.

Than: Be thankful! That's what I wanted to say! Be thankful!

Solomon: See you next time on News and Views.

SFX: Outro music.

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