

A script from



## “Do Something”

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- What** We would all like an office to complain to and have them deal with it, but the truth is, it's up to each person to make a difference in the world. (Themes: Complaining, Action, Making your life count, Passing the buck, Connecting with others)
- Who** Receptionist                      Complainer
- When** Present day
- Wear  
(Props)** Chair  
Desk with sign on front saying, “National Association of People Who Decide Things”  
Desk phone
- Why** Matthew 5:13-14
- How** The more “dead time” you can cut out of this skit the better it will play. This does not mean say the lines faster, but instead say the lines the same speed as you normally would, but cut the spaces in between the lines. This will increase the perception of speed without having your actors trip over their tongues.
- Time** Approximately 5-7 minutes

*The skit starts with the **Receptionist** sitting at a desk filling out some paperwork. The sign on the front of the desk reads, “National Association of People Who Decide Things.” After a moment the **Complainer** enters.*

**Complainer:** Excuse me.

**Receptionist:** Yes?

**Complainer:** I have a complaint to make.

**Receptionist:** Oh. What’s your complaint?

**Complainer:** I don’t like the way things are going.

**Receptionist:** You what?

**Complainer:** I said, I don’t like the way things are going.

**Receptionist:** Okay. Could you be more specific?

**Complainer:** What’s there to be specific about? I don’t like how things are going.

**Receptionist:** (*Joining in*) ... you don’t like how things are going.

**Complainer:** No. I don’t.

**Receptionist:** What specific things are you unhappy with?

**Complainer:** Oh! Well, I don’t like the war.

**Receptionist:** Okay.

**Complainer:** And I don’t like any of the politicians.

**Receptionist:** Got it.

**Complainer:** And I don’t like our culture either. You know, homosexuality, violence, and that rap music. And I don’t like abortion, explicit language, or teen sex.

**Receptionist:** Okay. So you don’t like war, politicians, and general immorality.

**Complainer:** Right. I don’t like that all that stuff is going on.

**Receptionist:** Alright. If you’ll just fill out this form and sign here.  
(*Complainer signs a paper and hands it over*)

**Complainer:** Is that it?

**Receptionist:** What do you mean?

**Complainer:** I mean is that all there is to it? Aren't you going to do anything?

**Receptionist:** What did you want me to do?

**Complainer:** I want you to stop all that stuff. Cut it out!

**Receptionist:** Oh! Okay!

**Complainer:** Really?

**Receptionist:** No.

**Complainer:** Oh. Well, I'm filing a complaint. Isn't it your job to change what I don't like?

**Receptionist:** No. I'm just the receptionist.

**Complainer:** Well, for crying out loud! What's the good of me coming in here complaining if you're not going to do anything about it? Isn't what I say important? Aren't you afraid that I'm going to cause some big riot or protest or stop buying products or boycott things?

**Receptionist:** *(As if reciting the motto)* We here at The National Association of People Who Decide Things care about you. What you have to say is important to us. *(Looks around)* But honestly, I don't really care what you do.

**Complainer:** Well I... but you... how come... Well, I'm just going to go complain somewhere else then! Maybe the Organizational Committee of People in Charge of Stuff. They'll listen to my complaints!

**Receptionist:** Okay. Good luck with that. *(Complainer begins to leave)* Wait a minute, come back.

**Complainer:** Yes?

**Receptionist:** You look like a nice person and probably mean well, I'm sure, so I'm going to give you some advice.

**Complainer:** *(Cautious)* Go ahead.

**Receptionist:** You don't like all this stuff that's going on?

**Complainer:** Right. Can't stand it. Drives me crazy.

**Receptionist:** You want all that to change?

**Complainer:** Yep.

**Receptionist:** (*Motions her in like it's a big secret*) Then go do something.

**Complainer:** Huh?

**Receptionist:** Get out and do something. If you don't like how things are going, go out and do something!

**Complainer:** I am doing something. I'm complaining about it!

**Receptionist:** That's not what I mean. Go out and do something good. (*Complainer is confused*) Go volunteer at a soup kitchen, tutor in a low-income neighborhood, or adopt a kid that needs a home. The possibilities are endless!

**Complainer:** Something good. I'm not sure I have time to do that. I have a busy schedule with all the complaining I have to do. I mean you'd think that complaining would be easy, but let me tell ya, it's hard work. See this wrinkle right here? That doesn't just come from worrying!

**Receptionist:** Hey here's a thought: Stop complaining.

**Complainer:** I don't follow.

**Receptionist:** (*Sighs*) Keep your mouth closed until you have something good to say.

**Complainer:** (*Thinks it over*) Stop complaining? You mean just quit? Just like that? What would I do then? (*Complainer thinks and it finally dawns comes to a realization*)

**Receptionist:** Wait for it...

**Complainer:** Ohhhh! I know what I could do! I could go out and do something good!

**Receptionist:** Hey that's a great idea!

**Complainer:** Just one question.

**Receptionist:** Lay it on me.

**Complainer:** How do I know what I'm supposed to do?