"Hardness of Heart"

by

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What

Hardness of Heart is a spiritual condition affecting millions. In this parody of a TV commercial for a prescription drug, we learn about Confessitall®, and how it can help anyone struggling with the epidemic of HOH.

Themes: Pride, Prayer, Compassion, Forgiveness, Grace, Comedy, Monologue, Sin, Confession

Who

Spokesperson (male or female)

When

Present

Wear

(Props)

White lab coat (or hospital scrubs)
Stethoscope

Why

Isaiah 6:10; Jeremiah 16:12; 1 John 1:9; 1 Peter 2:24

How

Don’t try too hard to “make it funny.” Let the humor of the pseudo-medical terminology work for itself. But do emphasize the seriousness of the condition. Spokesperson speaks like a standard TV ad “doctor,” with an announcer’s polish, but is genuinely concerned about this grave condition, i.e. they really mean what they’re saying.

Scripture references should not be spoken aloud but may be flashed on-screen at the appropriate times. Optional: Accompanying images (or live actors) may be used to illustrate but should be executed quickly in order to correspond with the spoken words.

Suggestion: Add a little signature ding or melodic tone each time the word Confessitall® is said.

Time

Approximately 2 minutes
Spokesperson steps forward and directly addresses the audience/congregation.

Spokesperson:

Do you suffer from Hardness of Heart? Millions do. In fact, HOH is the world’s number one preventable cause of spiritual death. Progressive symptoms include but are not limited to: dull ears and dim eyes (Isaiah 6:10), darkened understanding (Ephesians 4:18), diminished compassion (Deuteronomy 15:7, Matthew 19:8), and frequent trips to do evil (Jeremiah 16:12).

If you’re experiencing—and causing others to experience—HOH, you need Confessitall®.

Confessitall® is made from all-natural ingredients, including pulverized pride, raw humility, and pure pharmaceutical grade gratitude. It can be taken in unlimited doses as often as needed and is free of charge through the Eternal Assurance program (1 Peter 2:24). To learn more, dial 1-800-P-R-A-Y-E-R and ask for Sinner Assistance.

What happens when you take Confessitall®? According to the Manufacturer, patients experience immediate forgiveness and cleansing from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Long range benefits include: replacement of the old stone aorta with a freshly grown heart of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26). Side effects include (speaking very quickly): Joy-peace-kindness-hope-renewed-sense-of-purpose-newfound patience toward others—even the really annoying ones and too many other things to mention—right now—so ask the Holy Spirit and he’ll fill you in.

Are you human? If so, you should be taking Confessitall®. Unless you’re perfect, which, like, only one Guy ever was, duh, so…

Ask your doctor if Confessitall® is right for you. If he or she says no, well… Why are you asking your doctor? Talk to God. Today!