

A script from



## “How’s Your Backyard?”

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- What** Alan keeps his yard looking great in the front. But his backyard, where no one can see, is a whole different story. (Themes: Appearance, Character, Heart, Secrets)
- Who** Alan  
Tim
- When** Present day
- Wear (Props)** Props are optional- Alan could have a rake or a lawn mower; garden gloves
- Why** 1 Samuel 16:7
- How** Keep this light and energetic. The dialogue should be conversational.
- Time** Approximately 3-4 minutes

*Tim and Alan are standing facing the audience as if they are looking at Alan's front yard.*

- Tim:** Hey Alan. Wow, the lawn is looking really great.
- Alan:** Oh thanks, Tim. Yeah, I put a lot of hard work into it.
- Tim:** What's your secret? I can't seem to get my yard so green and lush.
- Alan:** Well, it's just a lot of time and attention and a good fertilizer.
- Tim:** Huh. Well, you're a shoo-in for this year's neighborhood lawn award. You've won the past 2 years, right?
- Alan:** Three, but it's no big deal. *(under his breath)* It's just a good thing they don't look in the backyard.
- Tim:** Huh?
- Alan:** What?
- Tim:** What did you just say?
- Alan:** Nothing.
- Tim:** Yes you did. You just said something about your backyard.
- Alan:** No, no I said...I said...the key is to mow backwards.
- Tim:** Mow backwards?
- Alan:** Right, you mow backwards.
- Tim:** Backwards, huh? I could have sworn you said it's a good thing they don't look in the backyards.
- Alan:** *(crumbling)* Okay, you're right. That's what I said.
- Tim:** Why? What's wrong with your backyard?
- Alan:** It's a mess. There're weeds almost as tall as me. I haven't mowed it in like 6 months.
- Tim:** 6 months! It must be a jungle.
- Alan:** Yeah, it's pretty bad.
- Tim:** Well, when was the last time you went back there.