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## **"Inheritance Beyond Belief"**

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**What** An attorney is baffled when his client comes up with excuse after excuse for not taking advantage of his inheritance.

Themes: Inheritance, Heir, Sonship, Riches, Salvation

**Who** Attorney - Adult  
Client - Adult

**When** Present

**Costumes** Attorney – suit and tie; Client – street clothes

**Props** Small Table  
2 Chairs  
Papers and Folders  
Phone

**Why** John 3:3-7 & 10:10, Romans 6:23, 8:14-18 & 10:9-10, 2 Corinthians 6:2, Galatians 3:29 & 4:7, Ephesians 2:8-9 & 3:6, Philippians 4:19, Titus 3:4-7, James 4:14

**How** The attorney should be presented more as confused than irritated or impatient. This skit can be performed as an opener for a talk on salvation or used with the optional ending as a standalone. The optional ending can be performed by the two actors after they break character or by an additional 1-4 speakers who come on stage after the skit.

**Time** Approximately 3-5 minutes

*Lights down.*

**Attorney** takes his spot at a table that's placed at an angle so that the two chairs face the audience instead of just each other.

*Lights up.*

**Attorney:** *(shuffles file folders on his desk/pushes button on phone)* Mrs. Evans, please, send in my next appointment. Thank you.

**Client** enters. **Attorney** stands. They reach to shake hands.

**Attorney:** Mr. Gray! So nice to finally meet you in person.

**Client:** Yes. I'm glad we could work this out.

**Attorney:** Sit down. Sit down. We just have some things to go over and then some papers to sign and we'll be good to go.

**Client:** Great! Let's get to it.

*Both actors sit down. Make sure to slightly face the audience.*

**Attorney:** As I discussed with you on the phone, you've been left a considerable inheritance of money. Your life is about to change dramatically!

**Client:** Well, that's just it. I've been thinking a lot about what you said. And that is a lot of money! So, I've been putting in some extra shifts at work. The way I figure it, I should make enough in about ten and half years.

**Attorney:** I'm so sorry, Mr. Gray. I'm not sure I've been clear. You don't have to earn this inheritance. It's yours simply by accepting it. This is a life-changing gift!

**Client:** I see. But I'm pretty comfortable with my life like it is. I'm not sure I really want anything to change.

**Attorney:** But your life will improve in so many ways. Your job won't be the most important item on your calendar. Your bills will be paid. You'll have money to give away. That's just to name a few of the benefits.

**Client:** That would be nice. *(stands and moves behind the chair while thinking)*  
But I'm so busy.

**Attorney:** And...

**Client:** And I just don't know if I have time for all this.

**Attorney:** *(standing surprised and confused but not angry)* Time?

**Client:** Yes, this all takes time. *(pacing and counting off activities)* And I have work and a family. And I like to fish and bowl. And then there's a pickleball tournament on most weekends. *[Replace activities based on your church culture or the gender/personality of your actor.]*

**Attorney:** But all you need to do is read through this agreement with me *(picks up papers or folder)* and then sign that you accept it.

**Client:** Maybe, I should have some training first. What do I know about inheritances? *(plops back down in the chair)*

**Attorney:** There's definitely personal finance help that you can receive. But the first step is just to sign the papers and accept it. *(hands papers or folder to **Client**)*

**Client:** I guess. *(looks at papers or folder and then lays them down on the table)*  
But what about my friends?

**Attorney:** Your friends?

**Client:** What if they don't like me anymore once everything changes?

**Attorney:** Well, things will definitely change. But you'll have so much more to offer your friends after this.

**Client:** I don't know. It just feels too good to be true.

**Attorney:** *(stands) Mr. Gray? (leans on the table and looks intently at the **Client**)*  
This inheritance is beyond belief. But it's absolutely real. The only question is...will you accept it?

*Lights down or optional ending.*

*\*Optional Ending: Actors break character and step up to the front of the stage to address the audience.*

**Attorney:** You know, Mr. Gray here isn't the only one who's been offered a special inheritance.

**Client:** He's right. You, too, have been given a gift.

**Attorney:** And you, too, have been left with the question of whether or not you'll accept that gift.

**Client:** But this gift is not mere money. It's something eternal and beyond anything you can really comprehend.

**Attorney:** You see, every one of us has done things or thought things that go against God's rules and offend His nature.

**Client:** And since God is perfect and holy and we're not, every one of us is separated from God until something or someone makes us complete and holy.

**Attorney:** This is where the gift comes in.

**Client:** Jesus.

**Attorney:** Yes, Jesus. He's the *Someone*.

**Client:** Because Jesus took the punishment that we deserved by giving up His life on the cross, we have been offered reconciliation with God.

**Attorney:** Our wrong things made us enemies with the one true God who loves us, but Jesus has offered us the chance to be friends again with God.

**Client:** All we have to do is believe that we've done wrong and that Jesus is the only way to make it right.

**Attorney:** And then receive this eternal gift by confessing this truth to God.

**Client:** But like Mr. Gray, maybe, you come up with all kinds of excuses not to accept the gift of salvation.

**Attorney:** We think we have to earn our way to God by doing good deeds.

**Client:** But in the Bible God says, "For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God; it is not from works."

**Attorney:** Sometimes, we think our lives are pretty good and we don't need "this religious stuff."

**Client:** But your comfortable life may be leading you to destruction and you don't even realize it.

**Attorney:** The Bible also says, "For the payoff of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

**Client:** You may feel like you're already so busy with the pressures and pleasures of life that you'll just think about spiritual things later.

**Attorney:** But Paul writes in the Bible that "now is the acceptable time...now is the day of salvation!"

**Client:** And in the Bible, James warns, "You do not know about tomorrow. What is your life like? For you are a puff of smoke that appears for a short time and then vanishes."

**Attorney:** Some of us feel like we need to go through a class or have specific religious training before we can accept the gift. But all that's needed is a contrite heart that believes and confesses.

**Client:** Many who hear about this gift are afraid their lives will change too much and that their friends will be put off by this change.

**Attorney:** Well, your life will definitely be altered.

**Client:** You'll be reborn spiritually.

**Attorney:** Your desires, aspirations, and priorities will all change drastically.

**Client:** But you'll also receive hope, joy, and peace in a way that no other earthly thing could compare.

**Attorney:** And a friendship with God with which no other relationship can compete.

**Client:** Jesus said, "I am the door. If anyone enters through me, he will be saved, and will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life, and may have it abundantly."

**Attorney:** Right now, God is offering you an inheritance that is beyond belief.

**Client:** He's knocking at your soul's door.

**Attorney:** Will you answer?

**Client:** Will you accept this gift?

*Lights down or exit.*