

Get What You Deserve

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CHARACTERS

A commercial announcer

Ted- An infomercial host

Lou Seffer- A devil

ANNOUNCER: The following is a paid commercial advertisement. It has been cleverly disguised as a legitimate talk show so those of you who fall asleep in the middle of the night will think that you're watching a legitimate talk show. But you're not. You're watching a paid advertisement.

Fade up on a talk show set. Ted is seated beside Lou with a copy of Lou's book. Both men have cups of coffee. (Ted's should probably be water; you'll see why.)

TED: Ted Briley here with the secret to getting what you deserve. A lot of people work hard every day to try to give their family their family not only the life they've always wanted, but the life they deserve. But how do you get what you deserve? Every day, you turn on the TV, you hear credit card companies, cash advance companies, law firms, car dealer, and even people selling exercise equipment promising you, quote, what you deserve. My guest today is going to tell us all how we can get what we deserve. Lou Seffer is the author of "Get What You Deserve: The Fast Track to Your Eternal Destiny." Lou, thank you for joining us on this fake talk show set.

LOU: My pleasure.

TED: Now, Lou, you've seen all the commercials. This credit card will give you the life you deserve. Our firm can get you the money you deserve. But your book says that none of them are telling the truth. Is it bad to want a nice credit card or a good car or even a hard body?

LOU: Ha ha ha. Not at all, Ted. In fact in my book, "Get What You Deserve: The Fast Track to Your Eternal Destiny," I encourage people to pursue all those things. Work that body, drive that car, push that plastic to the max. None of those things will get you what you deserve, but they'll give you a good ride on the way to what I call your Eternal Destiny.

TED: And what is our eternal destiny?

LOU: Well, frankly, Ted, it's Hell.

Ted does a spit-take in Lou's face.

TED: I'm sorry, did you say Hell?

LOU: That's right, Hell.

Ted does another spit-take in Lou's face.

TED: I'm curious, Lou. How is Hell our eternal destiny?

LOU: Well, I don't want to get into the nuts and bolts of it. It's all detailed in my book, "Get What You Deserve: The Fast Track to Your Eternal Destiny." But the long and short of it is, we're all sinners, separated from God, and we're all bound for Hell.

Ted does another spit-take in Lou's face.

LOU: Do you have a towel?

TED: *(grabs a towel)* Yes, right here. Now Lou, let's take a look at some case studies and see how this works.

LOU: Well, here's an example. A twenty-five year old woman, never married, has a master's degree, owns her own house, has six months wages set aside in the bank for emergencies, and has never accepted the Lord - she's going to Hell.

Ted does another spit-take in Lou's face.

TED: She's going to Hell?

LOU: Yes, she is.

TED: Maybe you can give us another example.

LOU: Okay, here's one. A man, forty years old, married with two kids. He has a good career, is fully invested in his 401K, great physical shape, non-smoker, has never met the Lord - he's going to Hell.

Ted does another spit-take in Lou's face.

TED: I'm so sorry.

LOU: It's okay. I know it's hard for some people to swallow.

TED: Well, it just seems so crazy, I mean... when people think of what they deserve, they don't think Hell. They think cars and nice houses and maybe a boat.

LOU: Ha ha ha. Yeah, they're pretty gullible, aren't they? But the truth of the matter is, they're sinners and they deserve to go to--

Lou stops as he sees Ted sipping his coffee. He waits for Ted to finish and set his cup down.

LOU: Hell.

Ted does another spit-take in Lou's face.

TED: Lou, what would you say to someone who doesn't believe in Hell?

LOU: Well, thousands of years ago, people didn't believe the Earth was round. But just because they didn't believe it doesn't mean it wasn't true.

TED: But does everyone really deserve Hell?

LOU: They do, Ted. Take you for instance. Thirty-five, good looking, out with a different woman every weekend. You have a nice home, a couple of cool cars. I saw that

Maserati downstairs, love it. But you're a sinner, you don't know the Lord, and you're going to Hell.

Ted spits all over Lou again. Lou shields himself with his book this time.

TED: Even me?

LOU: Yes, Ted. Even you.

TED: Wow, I'm going to Hell. This is not what I expected.

LOU: You're not alone. In fact, 99% of people who go to Hell are totally surprised when they end up there.

TED: What about the people who don't go?

LOU: What about them?

TED: There must be a way to avoid Hell, right?

LOU: Well, I don't know why you would. It's not like you deserve better.

TED: But people do not go to Hell all the time, right?

LOU: Well, not all the time.

TED: Come on, Lou, throw me a bone here.

LOU: Ted, there's no one righteous enough to avoid Hell. A woman fifty years of age, married, owns her own company, runs her own charitable organization, and doesn't know the Lord is going to Hell.

Lou sips his coffee.

TED: The Lord!

Now Lou does a spit-take.

TED: Did you say the Lord?

LOU: *(his cockiness fades)* Did I say Lord?

TED: You did! You said it in all your case studies. That's the common denominator! The Lord! Who is the Lord?

LOU: Well, Ted, you're not going to find him in this book.

TED: So he has a book?

LOU: I never said that!

TED: Folks, clearly, there's a way we can all avoid the eternal destiny Mr. Seffer says we all deserve. If anyone out there knows who this Lord is, please, don't keep it to yourself.

LOU: Hey, hold on, pal, this is my infomercial!

TED: And please, somebody message me on my Facebook because I've GOT to meet this Lord, guy.

LOU: Now why would you want to meet that clown?

TED: Because frankly, Mr. Seffer, I don't want what I deserve.

Theme music fades up. Lou and Ted bicker with mics down as the scene ends.