

The Moses Awards

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CHARACTERS

Announcer

Guy- A secular TV star who is also a believer

Eddie- A guy who can't act

Dickie- A guy who can't write

Lucy- A girl who CAN actually act

Award girl- A girl who hands out trophies

ANNOUNCER: And now, welcome back to the Moses Awards! Here is your host, that guy from that TV show you didn't realize was a Christian, Guy FromthatTVshow!

Guy enters.

GUY: Thank you. And can I say, what a blessing it is to be with my fellow Christians honoring the best in Christian television. Let's go on to the next award of the evening, Most Humbled Performance by an actor in a supporting role. The nominees are: Dale Howard for Armageddon IV: The Mark of the Beast; Jeff Crawford, Prodigal Phil; Ernie Gibbons for Friday Night Football Parable; and Eric Richards for Veggie Tales: The Live Action 3-D Experience. And the winner is... Ernie Gibbons for Friday Night Football Parable!

Ernie gets up from the audience, tears streaming down his face. He runs up on stage. Award girl brings out a trophy for him.

ERNIE: Oh wow, this is so humbling. I'd like to thank the good Lord for this. And also Pastor Jerry for believing in me. And my high school drama teacher who said I'd amount to nothin', I forgive you, Mr. Langley. This award is not just for me. It's for everyone who worked on Friday Night Football Parable, a film that's not just a football story, but a parable. Thank you!

Ernie exits.

GUY: All right, how about that? Our next award goes to the Most Inspired Screenplay. The nominees are: Frank and Eileen Richards, for High School Melodrama Miracle; Pastor Jerry Aiken for Friday Night Football Parable; DJ Disciple and P-Rophet for Zacchaeus, the Rap Musical; and Dickie Wainwright for Armageddon IV: The Mark of the Beast. And the winner is... Dickie Wainwright III, for Armageddon IV: The Mark of the Beast.

Dickie gets up and runs to the stage. Award girl brings out a trophy for him.

DICKIE: Oh man, what an honor. This wouldn't have happened, of course, without the inspiration of my daddy, Dickie Wainwright II, who we all know was a prophet who done saw the end of times. This award is for you, Daddy! And it's just as much validation for you work as if the black riders you saw trampling San Francisco were to come today. Bless y'all!!

Dickie exits.

GUY: Okay, wasn't that special? Now let's go on and give the award for Most Inspiring Performance by an actress in a leading role. The nominees are: Helen Thomas for the Sister Margaret Joseph Story; Lucy Jenkins, Friday Night Football Parable; Lizette Spencer-Gibson, Armageddon IV: The Mark of the Beast; and Fly Sistah Soul for Zacchaeus, the Rap Musical. And the winner is... Lucy Jenkins, Friday Night Football Parable.

Lucy stands, excited. She runs up front. Award girl brings out a trophy for her.

LUCY: Oh wow. I can't believe this is happening. It's such an honor to be recognized by my peers. And by peers, I mean Christians. Because let's face it, we're not here because we love acting. Oh no. We're here because we love the Lord. And we want to use our talents for him, and not for our own glory. Because all good gifts come from him, and we know that apart from him, we can--

Lucy's cell phone rings.

LUCY: Just a moment. *(answers the phone)* Hello?.. What movie???... With what co-star??? And what director??? EEEEEK! No, I'm not doing anything important right now... Yes, I'll be right there! *(hangs up)* Stuff it, monkeys! I'm going to Hollywood!

She tosses her award to Guy and runs off.

GUY: Well, I guess that good things come to those who use their talents for... oh come on, folks, who are you kidding? Does anyone but me see what a joke this is? Armageddon IV? Friday Night Football Parable? You're not making movies, folks, you're making sermons with dialogue on lousy cameras with poor lighting, bad editing, crummy scripts and even crummier acting. And guess what? All these movies you're making? I don't know a single person who's been saved by one! You know by? Movies don't save people! People do! People who share their faith one person at a time, the same way Jesus did! You want to make movies, fine! Make movies. But stop kidding yourselves about why you make them. And for goodness sakes, take some classes on acting, directing, writing because it's downright embarrassing to watch what you call movies with my friends, Christian and non-Christian!

Applause. Award girl walks out with a trophy.

ANNOUNCER: And the award for most righteous awards show speech goes to--

GUY: Aw keep it!
ANNOUNCER: Sorry.