



*The Rock is a Youth  
Ministry of Ascension  
Lutheran Church*

## **Want to be Blessed?**

**Based on Romans 7:15-25, 2 Cor. 11:23-27, Acts 20:17-38**

**Monty Hall:** *Toby (Suit)*  
**Jay Stewart:** *Michael (Suit)*  
**Carol Merrill:** *Lauren (Dress)*  
**Curtain Man:** *Zach (Suit)*  
**Curtain Man:** *Sam (Suit)*  
**Apostle Paul:** *Ryan (Period Attire)*  
**Contestant 1:** *Allee (Costume)*  
**Contestant 2:** *Nate (Costume)*  
**Contestant 3:** *Annee (Costume)*  
**Contestant 4:** *Joe (Costume)*  
**Contestant 5:** *Sandra (Costume)*  
**Contestant 6:** *Oliver (Costume)*  
**Energizer Rat:** *Matt (Rat Costume, Drum)*

**Setting:** The old "Let's Make a Deal" show, starring Monty Hall. The show was based on the premise of a host (Monty Hall) stepping into a select galley of the studio audience, who came dressed oddly in an effort to get noticed and—thereby--selected by the host to be a contestant. Frequently the chosen contestants were a "team" of more than one person. Once selected, Hall would trade and/or give the contestant(s) something of some value, and then offer them a series of "trades" for hidden prizes. These hidden prizes were usually behind doors or curtains. The round continued until the contestant(s) either got something valuable (and therefore chose to keep their prize) or got something worthless, referred to as a "zonk" on the show.

*("Let's Make a Deal" theme plays in background)*

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*Announcer:* Welcome to beautiful downtown, Burbank. I'm Jay Stewart, and it's time for our special Christian Life edition of "Let's Make A Deal", with television's big dealer, Monte Hall...*(applause)*..

*Monty:* Thanks Jay. Today, our audience is filled with ordinary people—just like you and me—in search of the Christian life and all the blessings that go with it. Let's start right off with our first contestants... *(describe them)*. And what is your name?

*Contestant 1:* I'm Gilda Guilty.

*Contestant 2:* I'm Randy Remorse.

*Contestant 1:* We've made a lot of mistakes in our lives and need forgiveness.

*Monty:* Jay, what do we have to offer our first contestants?

*Announcer:* Monty, our first contestants receive a bottle of Woolite, because you'll look better in a sweater washed in Woolite. A prize worth five dollars and forty-nine cents!!! *(Audience oohs and applauds.)*

*Contestant 1:* *(Very excited.)* Oh, oh, I'm so excited! I'm attracted to the Christian life because it offers me the forgiveness of sins, just like a sweater washed in Woolite.

*Contestant 2:* As it says in Isaiah 1:18, "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

*Contestant 1:* This is like the best thing that's every happened to me.

*Monty:* But wait, that's not all. To go with your Woolite, you also get what is behind the curtain that Carol Merrill is showing you. Do you really want the blessing of forgiveness of sins?

*Contestant 2:* Yes, we'll take it, we'll take it!!

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*Monty:* Carol, show what we get to go along with our forgiveness of sins.

*(Curtain drops & Paul is there.)*

*Announcer:* Monty, to go with the forgiveness of sins, represented by Woolite, we Christians also get the recognition of sin in our lives, as explained by the apostle Paul in the letter to the Romans.

*Paul:* I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do. I know that nothing good lives in me. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

*Contestant 1:* Hey, that's kind of a downer.

*Contestant 2:* Yeah, we were zonked!

*Paul:* Wait, I'm not done. Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! *(Audience cheers & Contestants look satisfied.)*

*Monty:* *(Goes to next contestants.)* And who do we have here?

*Contestant 3:* I'm Sally Sullen.

*Contestant 4:* And I'm Sammy Sullen. We're in search of happiness.

*Monty:* Jay, what do we have for Sally and Sammy?

*Announcer:* Monty, we have a Sam's Club size bottle of Hershey's Chocolate Syrup, happiness in a bottle, because everything tastes better with a little Chocolate syrup on it. Priced at just \$6.95.

*Monty:* And we all know the blessing of happiness that goes with the Christian life!

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- Contestant 3:* As Psalms 40:16 says, "But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!"
- Contestant 4:* Why, I'm happier already!
- Monty:* And to go along with your syrup, you also get what is behind the curtain that Carol Merrill is standing by.
- Contestant 3:* Hmm. I don't know.
- Monty:* Rejoice evermore...The joy of the Lord is your strength...
- Contestant 4:* We'll take it! We'll take it!
- Monty:* Carol, show the contestants what they get to go along with the blessing of the joy of the Lord...
- (Curtain 2 opens, and it is Paul.)*
- Paul:* I served the Lord with great humility and with tears, although I was severely tested by the plots of my enemies.
- Contestant 3:* Tears? Plots?
- Contestant 4:* We were zonked!
- Paul:* I'm not done! Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
- Contestant 3:* Of course, Philippians 4:4! *(Contestants look satisfied.)*
- Monty:* *(Walks on to next contestant.)* And who do we have here?
- Contestant 5:* I'm Prosperity Patty.
- Contestant 6:* And I'm Prosperity Pete.
- Contestant 5:* Name it and claim it! That's our motto!
- Monty:* Jay, what do we have for our contestants.

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*Announcer:* Monty, pardon me, but would you have any Grey Poupon? But of course. Grey Poupon: so fine, it's made with wine. Grey Poupon: one of life's finest pleasures! Priced at \$4.99.

*Contestant 5:* Yes, yes, I've arrived!

*Contestant 6:* I'm a Grey Poupon Christian!

*Monty:* And to go with your Grey Poupon, Carol Merrill is standing in front of a curtain that has...

*Contestant 5:* A Rolls Royce? A beamer? A paid-off home mortgage?

*Contestant 6:* We'll take it! We'll take it!

*(Curtain drops & Paul is there.)*

*Announcer:* Monty, to go with the prosperity of the Christian life, we get...

*Contestant 5:* Oh no, not him again!

*Announcer:* Yes, Paul, the tent maker.

*Paul:* I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. Five times I received the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked. I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, bandits, my own countrymen, and Gentiles; in danger in the city, the country, and at sea. I have labored and toiled and gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.

*Contestant 6:* Hey, where's the Rolls? The beamer? The paid-off home mortgage?

*Paul:* Pass the Grey Poupon. *(Smiles.)*

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*Contestant 5:* Where is the blessing?

*Paul:* Blessing? In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

*Monty:* Looks like our time is just about up. We only have time for some quick deals. I'll give \$100 for every battery anyone has on them (*all contestants reach for microphones*). And don't touch the microphones.

*(Energizer Bunny steps up and produces pack of batteries.)*

*Monty:* Of course, the energizer Bunny...er a lab rat...

*Announcer:* Energizer, the battery that keeps running and running and running, symbolizes the desire for a long life.

*Monty:* Which of course goes with what Carol Merrill has behind the curtain...

*Energizer Rat:* Hey, I'm all about a longer life...will Christ do that for me?

*Monty:* Carol?

*(Curtain drops & Paul is there.)*

*Announcer:* Monty, to go with the Energizer Batteries and the long life we desire, we present the blessing Paul left with the young Ephesian church—recorded by Luke in Acts 20:32--as he left them for what he thought would be the last time prior to going to Jerusalem.

*Paul:* Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

*Energizer Rat:* That's it? He spent three years ministering to the Ephesians, with whom he had an intimate, tender, relationship. They are young in the Lord, they live in a pagan Greek culture, they are under attack from

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heresies within and outside, and they have limited access to God's word because—let's face it—in those days not everyone had 24/7 access to a Bible.

*Paul:* Blessing a young church is like baptizing a young child. We don't know everything the world will throw at them, but it is enough that we commit them to God, the word of his grace, and the great inheritance that comes with belonging to the family of God.

*Monty:* Look's like that's it for our show. Until next time,

*Everyone:* God bless...