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"Cheerful Giving"

Scripture: I Corinthians 9: 7
"...for God loves a cheerful giver."

Dramatic Category: Skit
(This is a "vintage commentary." It is performed by two older men, who sit off to the side, like the two old guys on the classic "Muppet Show.")

Topic: Offering

Performance time: 1 minute

Number of Players: 2 older men

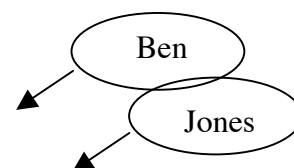
Objective:
To introduce the offering

Synopsis:
This humorous skit features two older men who sit off to the side, preferably elevated in some way, like the two old guys who commented at the end of The Muppet Show in the 80's. Jones snaps Ben out of his 60's day-dream by talking about the importance of the offering; he has good news and bad news: "There's plenty of money to pay the bills for this congregation, but its all in these people's pockets."

Cast:
2 men
Ben: *curious about change & up on the terminology*
Jones: *Ben's friend, who is hard of hearing*

Lights: Spot light the two men, if possible

STAGING NOTE:
Elevate them at stage left like the Muppet commentators.



The Script:

LIGHT: SPOTLIGHT UP

Jones: (*nudging Ben*) Hey, they haven't hit us up for any money, yet.

Ben: Shhh....I'll lose my train of thought. Where were you in the 60's?

Jones: In church, bringing my offering.

Ben: Those were dangerous times.

Jones: Yeah....we had to do some arm-twisting to lift what we needed.

Ben: You remember the riots?

Jones: We only had one of them, when we closed the fellowship hall and the ladies had to meet in the basement.

Ben: (*snapping out of his 60's reminiscing and staring at Jones*)
What are you talking about?

Jones: The offering.

Ben: Not a riot?

Jones: Well, some people get a kick out of it...most don't.

Ben: Is it time for the offering?

Jones: Sure is. Hey, speaking of offering,
I've got good news and I've got bad news.

Ben: All right, give me the good news.

Jones: We've got plenty of money to pay all the bills for this congregation.

Ben: Then why take an offering?

Jones: That's the bad news: It's all in these people's pockets.