

DISCOUNT PREACHER MISSION

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INT CHURCH - DAY

A PREACHER is doing an infomercial for The Discount Preacher Mission. Start in a close-up.

The shots are suggestions. If Preacher can sell longer passages of dialog go with it. I cut it like this to make reciting dialog easier. Just remember to pause dramatically. Don't go overboard with theatrics.

PREACHER

Do you find the tithes of those
mega churches too steep?

CUT TO:

MID SHOT RIGHT

PREACHER

I don't know about you but I find
ten percent exorbitant. That's why
when god personally called me and
told me I had to start the Discount
Preacher Mission I knew what my
calling was.

CUT TO:

FULL SHOT FRONT

PREACHER

During the call he said un to me:
"These are tough times so why don't
you do out and slash some of those
tithing prices."

CUT TO:

MID SHOT LEFT

PREACHER

And do you think he said to slash
them to nine percent? No siree! He
wouldn't think of that as slashing.

CUT TO:

FULL SHOT FRONT

PREACHER

He didn't even give thought of
cutting it to eight, seven or six
percent. That's a tease and you
know the lord ain't no teaser.

CUT TO:

MID SHOT RIGHT

PREACHER

But between you and me, I think he
started to wobble at five percent.

CUT TO:

FULL SHOT FRONT

PREACHER

Because he knows stained plastic
windows don't come cheap.

(pause)

But he righted himself, as we all
knew he would, and threw caution to
the wind and at the Discount
Preacher Mission he sliced your
tithe to one percent of your weekly
gross salary!

The Preacher tries to contain himself after such a wondrous
revelation.

PREACHER (CONT'D)

Oh lord! One percent! Now don't it
feel good to finally be a one
percenter?

CUT TO:

MID SHOT LEFT

PREACHER

But I know you have some questions,
concerns. Who wouldn't?

CUT TO:

FULL SHOT FRONT

PREACHER

Like you're wondering if you're
only going to get that percentage
of the lord in your daily life when
you tithe only one percent to the
Discount Preacher Mission.

CUT TO:

MID SHOT RIGHT

PREACHER

Well don't you fret for even one
percent of one second because the
lord guarantees just as many
miracles happening in your life
once you join the Discount
Preacher's Mission.

CUT TO:

FULL SHOT FRONT

PREACHER

And you always trust the lord,
don'tcha?

(pause)

I knew that you would.

(pause)

I got a little secret for you
ladies and gentlemen of the
Discount Preacher Mission.

(pause)

You don't even have to come to
church.

The Preacher holds up his hands to calm the folks after such
a startling revelation.

PREACHER (CONT'D)

I know, I know. Shocking. When the
lord said it to me I was darn near
floored. I didn't know what to
think.

(pause)

But, he is the lord so after a
minute I thought PRAISES!

CUT TO:

MID SHOT LEFT

PREACHER
We got our Sunday's back!

CUT TO:

FULL SHOT FRONT

PREACHER
And do you know what's better than that? Oh yes, it gets better. You don't even have to watch this program.

Preacher tries to calm the viewers.

PREACHER (CONT'D)
I know, I know. But that's what he said. And you know what? It's a blessing because they always schedule us at the start of NFL Red Zone.

CUT TO:

MID SHOT RIGHT

PREACHER
But, again, I know what you're thinking. You're thinking, "But Rev, how will the lord know we love him if we don't worship him all day Sunday?"

CUT TO:

FULL SHOT FRONT

PREACHER
Well, ya see, that's part of it. The lord of the Discount Preacher Mission is a humble lord. Boy is that lord humble. While we were talking he wouldn't even let me compliment him on the clarity of his cellphone reception.

CUT TO:

MID SHOT LEFT

PREACHER

Now if that don't scream humble I
don't know what does.

CUT TO:

FULL SHOT FRONT

PREACHER

What he said is he'll know the
moment you place that check or
money order made out to The
Discount Preacher Mission for one
percent of your weekly pay and send
it to me at one hundred forty-five
Pleasant Street in Malden,
Massachusetts 02148 he will know to
start up the blessings!

CUT TO:

MID SHOT RIGHT

PREACHER

So join the lord horde. The
Discount Preacher Mission. One
percent for us, nine percent more
in your pocket.

CUT TO:

FULL SHOT FRONT

PREACHER

The Discount Preacher Mission.

The Preacher pauses then points at the camera with the last
line.

PREACHER (CONT'D)

It saves!