

Real World Skit: Taylor's Trial

Cast: Taylor, Defense Lawyer, Prosecutor, Judge

The JUDGE is seated behind a table. He has a gavel or rubber mallet. TAYLOR is seated in a chair. The DEFENSE LAWYER stands beside her. The PROSECUTOR stands a few feet away.

TAYLOR: But your honor! I'm innocent I tell you!

The JUDGE bangs the mallet/gavel on the table.

JUDGE: Order in the court! Order in the court!

DEFENSE LAWYER: Your honor, my client would like to plead not guilty at this time.

PROSECUTOR: Not guilty? You've got to be kidding!

TAYLOR: I'm basically a good person.

PROSECUTOR: Oh, please! We have so many charges against you, it would take a lifetime just to list them all!

TAYLOR: Like what?

PROSECUTOR: You rolled your eyes at your mother yesterday.

DEFENSE LAWYER: Since when is that against the law?

PROSECUTOR: Ever hear of the fifth commandment? Honor your father and your mother.

DEFENSE LAWYER: I object!

JUDGE: Overruled!

PROSECUTOR: Or how about the fact that you were jealous of your friend Ashley when she got a new bicycle and now you want one just like it?

TAYLOR: What's wrong with that?

JUDGE: Sorry, Taylor, but the tenth commandment says you should not covet anything that is your neighbor's.

PROSECUTOR: And worst of all, you have committed murder!

The JUDGE gasps.

TAYLOR: I have not! I've never killed anyone!

PROSECUTOR: Did you or did you not say you hated Billy Bully for pushing you down on the playground?

TAYLOR: Yes, I said it, but...

DEFENSE LAWYER: Your honor, I object to this line of questioning.

JUDGE: Overruled!

PROSECUTOR: Hating someone in your heart is a sin, just like murder!

JUDGE: I'm afraid he's right, Taylor. I hereby find you guilty of violating all ten commandments.

DEFENSE LAWYER: Objection! She only violated three!

PROSECUTOR: Well, the Bible tells us that breaking one commandment is the same as breaking all ten.

JUDGE: Guilty! Guilty! Guilty!

The judge bangs his gavel/mallet on the table.

JUDGE: We will immediately move on to the sentencing portion of the trial.

PROSECUTOR: Your honor, I move that Taylor receive the only fitting punishment for breaking the Ten Commandments—death!

TAYLOR: Death? Are you crazy?

JUDGE: No, Taylor. I'm afraid the Bible says the penalty for sin is death. You are hereby sentenced to death.

He raises his gavel/mallet and is about to bang it when the DEFENSE LAWYER interrupts him.

DEFENSE LAWYER: Wait!

JUDGE: What?

DEFENSE LAWYER: My client believes in the Lord Jesus Christ. She believes that He is God, lived as a man, died on the Cross, rose again, and now sits with God in heaven. She is sorry for the sins she commits against our holy God. She has accepted the free gift of forgiveness Jesus offers and knows that she can never do enough “works” to earn her way to heaven. Taylor is a child of God!

JUDGE: Really?

TAYLOR: Yes! Yes! I love the Lord Jesus! I am sorry that I have offended Him. I don't understand.

JUDGE: Well, that changes everything. On the grounds of that truth—because Jesus has died in your place for your sins—you are free to go. You may go now, and you will one day live forever with Jesus Christ in heaven.

TAYLOR: Hooray! Thank you, Mr. Lawyer. Thank you, Judge. And thank you, thank you, thank you, Jesus—for taking my punishment so I can be free.