

# *The Angel Angle*

## (A Christmas Play - 19:22 min)

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**(Note:** This play is divided into several scenes. You can use scenery or just let the dialogue suggest the scene. Between each scene is about 10 seconds of music. If you are using scenery that needs to be changed, or if you would like to insert some kind of activity between the scenes, you may pause the CD during the musical transition.)

**(Note: Be sure to follow puppet instructions in bold highlights)**

### Cast Of Eleven Puppet Characters

Olive - The mayor of the town  
Norman - The mayor's talkative assistant  
Tex - The official reader  
Flash - A reporter holding a microphone  
Rufus - Much smarter than he looks  
Rhonda - A lady  
Thelma - Another lady, but with hideously bad breath  
Rodney - A con artist dressed as an angel  
Larson - A farmer  
Carol A - A young lady  
Carol B - Another young lady

### Props

Bible  
Telescope  
White robe  
Sign – “Much Later”  
Sunglasses or baseball cap  
Scarf & girls blouse  
Blanket  
Sign – “Not So Much Later”  
Small portable radio

### Special Note

You may copy CD and script for your own ministry needs.  
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### **(Music Introduction)**

### Scene One - Mayor's Office

**(Olive enters and paces back and forth)**

OLIVE: **(While pacing)** Hmm. There has got to be a way... **(She stops pacing)** Norman! Norman! Come in here!

NORMAN: **(Enters)** Yes, Mayor, ma'am?

OLIVE: Norman, who am I?

NORMAN: Why, Mayor ma'am, you're the Mayor, ma'am.

OLIVE: And what does that mean?

NORMAN: Why, that means you are in charge of this great city of ours.

OLIVE: **(Agreeing)** That's right.

NORMAN: It is your responsibility to make sure the city government does all it can to help the people.

OLIVE: That's right.

NORMAN: And if you don't, you will be kicked out of office.

OLIVE: **(Thinking)** That's right.

NORMAN: And if you do a really bad job, the people will throw you into jail.

OLIVE: That's horrible.

NORMAN: Where you will be all by yourself and waste away with loneliness.

OLIVE: That's enough.

NORMAN: Until finally you develop a nagging cough...

OLIVE: That's all!

NORMAN: And alone, neglected, and unwanted, you waste away to nothing.

OLIVE: That's ridiculous.

NORMAN: Oh.

OLIVE: Norman, what is the state of the city right now?

NORMAN: Well, let me see...crimes, disease, price gouging, fighting, mugging, shortages, inflation, family problems, drugs, corruption and lack of good dental hygiene. Pretty normal, I'd say.

OLIVE: Well, we have to do something.

NORMAN: We could leave town.

OLIVE: No, we have to do something for the people. Things are going to keep getting worse unless somehow we can bring joy into their lives.

NORMAN: Oo oo oo! We can bring joy into their lives!

OLIVE: Norman, I am asking *how* we can bring joy into their lives.

NORMAN: Oh.

OLIVE: Now, Christmas is coming up soon.

NORMAN: Oo oo oo! We can have Christmas!

OLIVE: We have Christmas every year.

NORMAN: Oh.

OLIVE: And every year, during the Christmas season, people become more cheerful and begin to treat each other better, but then the day after Christmas, what happens?

NORMAN: Everyone exchanges their gifts?

OLIVE: Everything goes back to the way it was. The joy everyone was feeling goes away. Why can't it be like Christmas time all year long?

NORMAN: Because no one could afford to buy all those presents all the time.

OLIVE: Bring in the official reader. Maybe he can give us an idea.

NORMAN: I will do that. **(Yells)** Official Reader! Get in the mayor's office, right now!

TEX: **(Quickly enters before Norman is finished)** Yes, ma'am?

OLIVE: Wow. That was fast.

TEX: That's because I'm a speed-reader.

OLIVE: Reader, I want you read something for us about Christmas.

TEX: **(Puts Bible on stage)** All righty. I'll read something from the Bible. **(Looks at Bible and reads silently)**

OLIVE: **(After a pause)** Do you think you could maybe read out loud?

TEX: Why certainly. This here's a good passage. It's Hebrews 1:6. When God brings...

NORMAN: **(Interrupting)** Oo oo oo! That gives me an idea! Why don't we have people bring ideas here to the mayor's office. The best idea for helping us keep the joy of Christmas can receive a great reward.

TEX: Yes, but...

OLIVE: That's a great idea. Come on, Norman. Let's go announce this to the people.

NORMAN: Oh, boy. **(Norman and Olive exit)**

TEX: But you didn't let me get to the point of the passage! Rats. **(Takes Bible and leaves)**

**(Transition music)**