

— Bad Ad Destroyer —

A friendly show host demonstrates how a handy new app can eliminate all kinds of annoying advertisements and replace them with good messages from the Bible.

Actors: Bad Ad Destroyer, host, panel of 3 judges, Buffy, Richie, Wacky, 1-2 ad actors, kid
Props: Large TV with cutout screen (for bad messages to act behind), table for judges, red X, buzzer, App button (for Bad Ad Destroyer to wear), Bible, various props (see skits)

Host: I'm here to tell you about the Bad Ad Destroyer. It's a new app to protect you from bad ads and messages on your media device. Here's how it works. As you watch various ads, our panel of judges screen each one and decide if it's okay or a bad ad that needs to be destroyed. If it's bad, the judges signal the Bad Ad Destroyer to swing into action, take out the bad ad, and replace it with a good message. So now, let's enjoy a demonstration of the Bad Ad Destroyer in action. Here's our first ad!

Buffy: (enters TV screen) Are you tired of being out of shape? (kid enters with pillow tucked under shirt and stuffing under arms) What you need is a bottle of muscle builder tablets. Take our steroid laced pills and watch your muscle mass increase exponentially. Your biceps will bulge! (moves stuffing to top of arms) Your pecs will plump! (moves pillow up to chest) Within days you'll be sporting a six pack and a dream of a body! So call for a free trial offer! You'll be amazed at the results. Order yours today!

Judges: (Buzzer sounds, a judge holds a giant red X in front of TV screen)

B.A.D: Argh! (Runs onscreen, knocks Buffy out of way, smiles at audience) Jesus says in Matthew chapter 6, "Don't worry about your body, or what you will eat or drink, for life consists of more than this. Don't you see that your heavenly Father already knows what you need, and will take care of you." (exits)

Host: Wow, did you see the Bad Ad Destroyer in action? Let's try another ad!

Richie: (enters) Are you sick of being broke all the time? Well, here's the solution to all your financial woes. What is it you ask? It's my book, "Filthy Rich," full of get rich schemes, lies, and half-truths. You'll learn how to turn \$10 into millions! I'll teach you how to cheat your friends, parents, and neighbors out of all their hard-earned cash, and spend it on yourself. After all, what's life really about anyway? Why, money of course! And once you have it, your troubles will be over! So get "Filthy Rich" for three easy payments of \$39.99 plus a small slice of your soul. Order your copy now!

Judges: (Buzzer sounds, a judge holds a giant red X in front of TV screen)

B.A.D: Argh! (Knocks Richie out of way, smiles at audience) Jesus says in Mark chapter 10, "If you wish to find life, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, then come follow me." (exits)

Host: Wow, there was the Bad Ad Destroyer back again. Let's try one more ad!

Wacky: (enters) Hey kids, you want it, you need it, and you deserve it! Yes, it's the original Wammo Wonder Wapper! Great for parties, karaoke, sword play, and self-defense. It comes in a variety of decorative colors and can be yours for just \$19.99. Supplies are limited, so hurry! Order a Wammo Wonder Wapper now and we'll include a Wammo Wonder watch and sunglasses for free! And if that's not enough, we'll double your order! That's right! Two Wammo Wonder Wappers, two watches, and two pairs of sunglasses, all for the low TV price of \$19.99! Order yours today!

Judges: (Buzzer sounds, a judge holds a giant red X in front of TV screen)

B.A.D: Argh! (Knocks Wacky out of way, smiles at audience) Jesus says in Luke chapter 12, "Don't worry about the things you need today or tomorrow, but seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you." (exits)

Host: Well, the Bad Ad Destroyer has had his hands full today. (kid enters) Hey, it looks like we have one more surprise ad to check on. (talks to kid) Hey kid what's going on?

Kid: Hi, I'm just here at church for the youth group meeting.

Host: Oh, and what do you do at youth group?

Kid: I learn about my faith in God, do service projects, and get involved at church.

Host: Hey that's a pretty big book you're carrying there. What's it about?

Kid: It's a Bible. I read it to learn how to put my faith into action.

Host: Wow, if I'm not mistaken, that's a classic Bad Ad Destroyer, in it's original form.

Kid: Oh really?

Host: Yes, it is! Hey let's invite the Bad Ad Destroyer himself out here to see this!

B.A.D: Argh! (enters ready to knock someone over, then stops) Oh, hi there!

Host: Mr. Bad Ad Destroyer, take a look at this. It's a Bible, a classic version of the Bad Ad Destroyer in it's original form.

B.A.D: Hey, that's awesome! I use that on all those bad ads you know!

Host: Why don't you sign us off today with some words from the Bible.

Kid: Okay. (opens Bible) Jesus says in Mathew chapter 16, "If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Host: That was awesome! Let's give this kid a hand for bringing a Bible here to destroy all those bad ads and keep us focused on our faith. (applause) This is your host signing off. Remember, be a bad ad destroyer, and keep the faith y'all!

ALL: Argh!

Scripture: Psalm 101:3 "I refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar. I hate what unfaithful people do. I want no part in it." Philippians 4:8 "Fix your thoughts on what is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise."

Message: We are surrounded by all kinds of media messages trying to change us, entertain us, or make us buy something. Many of these messages are not good for us. God's word is like a useful ap or guide that can help us stay focused on what is good and right. In a world of mixed up messages, we are called to be faithful to the call of Christ and to be living witnesses of God's truth and life. God's word is there to help us do that in life.

Questions: What are some current examples of bad or negative messages you've seen? How did they make you feel? What Bible verses do you find most helpful in keeping your faith?

Prayer: Dear God, help us to recognize bad messages when we see them. Help us to focus on what is good and right in life, and stay grounded in the truth of scripture. Amen.