
LifeLine Productions

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Introduction

LifeLine Productions is dedicated to presenting the Gospel message and Biblical truths in an entertaining and thought-provoking form. We aim to plant seeds in the hearts of those who do not know Jesus Christ as Savior, and to challenge and encourage believers to a stronger walk with their Lord.

We are thankful to you for ordering this script. It is our prayer that your drama group, youth group or whatever type of group you have will be effective with this material and that God will use our collective work for His good. You are on the front-line; you have the opportunity through your performance to touch someone and lead them to Christ. May God bless your faithfulness in this task.

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Theme: Being responsible with the family expenses.

People: 2

Scene: Husband addresses audience then goes to scene with wife.

Husband: Gentlemen, take note and listen. With this ripped shirt, and copious amounts of guilt, I will justify the purchase of the best computer \$3,000 will buy. (*Looks to wife on stage*) Honey! Can you sew this rip for me? This is my favorite shirt.

Wife: (*Looks at material with concern*) Ooh, I don't know. I don't think my old sewing machine can handle this type of material.

Husband: Oh that's too bad. [Looks to audience: "Phase One."] You know, you're worth it, it's about time we got you a new sewing machine.

Wife: (*Excitedly*) Really!? If I had a new sewing machine, I could make those dresses I've been wanting!

Husband: Save us a lot of money.

Wife: I could fix those holes in your pants pockets!

Husband: I could use the extra pairs of pants. [Looks to audience: "Phase Two."]

Wife: (*Regrettably*) Oh, we can't afford a new sewing machine now, we can barely pay the bills we have now. I'd feel guilty getting something big like that just for me. (*Husband smiles to audience when she says that.*)

Husband: Well, hon, if it will make you feel better [Looks to audience: "Phase Three."] I've been thinking about upgrading my computer.

Wife: Upgrade your computer? It's only two years old.

Husband: Two years, four months! That's almost three years old. There are so many things out there now my computer won't even touch; multi-media, on-line banking, DVDs, video conversion...

Wife: Wasn't that why we bought your old computer?

Husband: Yeah, but there's even faster media and Internet stuff out there. Compared to today's computers, my PC is a dinosaur.

Wife: Well, we can't afford a new computer now.

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- Husband:** [Looks to audience: Note the use of guilt here.] Yeah, you're right. [Looks to audience: When using guilt, don't over do it.] I'll see if I can make do with what I have. But, we'll go ahead and get your sewing machine, okay?
- Wife:** Well, how much would a new one cost? *(Husband smiles at audience.)*
- Husband:** \$1200, 15, no more than 2000...tops.
- Wife:** \$2000! How can we afford \$2000!
- Husband:** Now dear, I have it all figured out. We have some room on our credit card. Our payment will go up about \$100. I'm getting a \$100 raise in a couple of months; it'll be a wash.
- Wife:** But won't that max out our credit card?
- Husband:** That'd be perfect! You've been saying we need to stop using our credit cards, what better way to wean us off them if we can't use them.
- Wife:** Then how are we going to be able to afford my new sewing machine?
- Husband:** No problem, I get my bonus from work in a couple of months.
- Wife:** But weren't you going to use that to pay off the tires we bought a couple of months ago?
- Husband:** Oh yeah, well, we'll have our credit union loan paid off in a couple of months; we'll just redo that.
- Wife:** But, we had planned to use that resource for Tracy's braces.
- Husband:** Okay, how about we finance the sewing machine, and pay it off with next year's tax return?
- Wife:** We haven't received a tax return in the last five years!
- Husband:** Okay, I have it figured out. We have enough equity in the house that we can refinance, pay off most of our bills, buy your sewing machine AND my computer, lower our monthly bills by three hundred dollars, making it possible for us to finance that cruise you've been thinking about.
- Wife:** Do you really think we can do that?
- Husband:** We'd be fools not to.
- Wife:** Okay! But regardless of what we do, I still want to keep paying our monthly tithes.
- Husband:** Don't worry dear, nothing will touch that \$20.00! *(Both walk off stage, husband gives the thumbs up to the men in the audience.)*