

A FEW BUCKS

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GENRE:

COMEDY

SYNOPSIS:

A COUPLE COMPLAINS ABOUT GOVERNMENT SOCIAL PROGRAMS AND HOW RICH PEOPLE NEVER GIVE TO CHARITY. BUT WHEN CHARITY KNOCKS ON THEIR DOOR, THEY PROVE THEMSELVES TO BE QUITE STINGY.

TIME: 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 2M, 1F

THEME: Giving

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Matthew 25:40

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Sermon Starter

CHARACTERS:

TODD AND LISA - self-righteous upper middle class folk

ALEX - a Boy Scout

PROPS: Table, chairs, coffee cups, newspapers

COSTUMES: Casual Saturday attire for TODD & LISA; Boy Scout uniform

SOUND: Three wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: A nice breakfast nook

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Play up the scene for laughs. TODD and LISA should come across as opinionated and extremely ignorant.

*LISA and TODD sit in their breakfast nook, reading the newspaper. Both have coffee.
TODD never looks up from his paper until the end.*

LISA: Will you look at this?

TODD: What's that, babe?

LISA: Those stupid Republicans, cutting taxes to the rich again!

TODD: Typical, huh, babe?

LISA: Just makes me so mad. There are people sleeping on the streets in this country, and these millionaires are getting tax breaks. What do they need that money for?

TODD: I know, babe.

LISA: Trickle-down economics. Ha! Unless you're Harry Winston or a real estate agent with beachfront property, you won't see a dime trickle down your way.

TODD: Preaching to the choir, babe.

LISA: This guy at my work the other day was trying to tell me that we don't need all this social welfare. He says it's all government waste and bureaucracy. He says that we don't need the government to administer charity, that people should give from their hearts. There's just one problem with that.

TODD: Tell it, babe.

LISA: People don't have hearts, Todd!

TODD: Not like we do, babe.

LISA: I mean have you seen the houses in that new neighborhood? What's it called again?

TODD: Indian Heights, babe.