

FAT AND HAPPY CONTENTMENT

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GENRE: Comedy

SYNOPSIS: A man wrestles with whether or not he should buy something in Home Depot. He wonders if material things can really satisfy.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Beats and tone changes can really help in making the audience realize that although things are lighthearted and funny, it really is a struggle we all face.

TIME: Under 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 1

TOPIC: Materialism

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Philippians 4:11, Hebrews 13:5

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Seeker Service, Men's Event, Fathers Day

CHARACTERS:

JOE - age 25 to 45

PROPS: A screwdriver

COSTUMES: Modern dress

SOUND: One wireless microphone

LIGHTING: General stage lighting or spotlight

SETTING: None

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Lights up on JOE.

JOE: Okay, so here's the deal ... I'm driving home from work when I pass this super-store. And I think, "Hey, I've worked hard today, maybe I'll run in here and just unwind for a few minutes before heading home." (*Rationalizing*) I mean, what a great opportunity to change from work mode to family mode! The wife's not expecting me for another 30 minutes, and besides that, I just plain old deserve a little time to myself.

So I pull into Home Depot's parking lot, (*Emphasizing*) a SUPER store indeed, and instantly I'm feeling better. It's amazing how the stresses of the day can begin to fade with just the thought of looking at tools ... (*Dreaming out loud*)... cordless drills ... DeWalt ... 18 volt ... rechargeable battery pack ... construction-site yellow with those manly black letters on the side ... (*Laughing and grunting*)... could life get any better than this?

Dreamy and overdone:

So I take a deep breath, as I slowly get out of my car and walk past the clearance barbeques and in through those big sliding doors. No greeters to distract me from the mission that lies ahead. All of a sudden, that clean hardware air hits me and instantly I'm rejuvenated.

Now I think they must have known I was coming because right as I strode through those doors, with shoulders back and head high, I nearly ran right into this pallet filled high with 14-piece screwdriver sets. Now this was not just your ordinary screwdriver set. (*Pulls a screwdriver out of his pocket*) This one has lifetime guarantee, has multi-colored handles ... (*In disgust*) not like lavender or pink or any silly stuff like that. Manly. And the best part about it... one day only ... yep, you guessed it ... half off. So this regularly priced \$19.99 set was now \$9.99. Ten bucks ... I mean my wife spends that much to buy happy meals for the kids.

Anyway, as I stood there looking at this set of beauty, I began to reminisce about the last screwdriver set I bought. It's been quite a few months ago now. I remember coming home and meticulously spit cleaning and putting each one of them away, right beside the other seven sets in my craftsman toolbox. (*Slowly and seriously*) I locked up that drawer to ensure their utmost safety, and then even gave the key a little toss as I skipped out of the garage ... fulfilled ... fat and happy with contentment.

Beat, as reality sets in.

That is, until I saw this. (*Looking at screwdriver*) A new, improved, far better model, that puts my measly little screwdrivers to shame.