

## WAIT IS A FOUR-LETTER WORD *by John Cospers*

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** A man becomes offended whenever anyone uses the four letter word “wait” in front of him—especially when they’re asking him to, you know...

**TIME:** 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 3M, 2F

**THEME:** Patience

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Psalm 37:7-9

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Sermon starter, illustration

**CHARACTERS:**

WANDA—receptionist  
CARL and VINCE—businessmen  
BRENDA—Vince’s daughter  
MR. WAINWRIGHT—Wanda’s boss

**PROPS:** Desk, chairs, office furnishings

**COSTUMES:** Business formal

**SOUND:** Five wireless microphones

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** The lobby of an important office

**DIRECTOR’S TIP:** Every time the word [wait] appears in the script, the word is bleeped out as if it were a cuss word.

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*The setting is an office reception area. WANDA is at the reception desk. CARL enters.*

**WANDA:** Hello, can I help you?

**CARL:** Davis and Binkleman, here to see Mr. Wainwright.

**WANDA:** Davis and Binkleman. *(Picks up the phone and hits a button)* Mr. Wainwright? Davis and Binkleman are here to see you... Yes, sir. *(Hangs up)* Mr. Wainwright is finishing a meeting right now. He'll be out in a few moments if you'd like to take a seat and [wait.]

*CARL is taken aback by the language WANDA used.*

**CARL:** What?

**WANDA:** He'll be out in a few moments if you'd like to take a seat and [wait.]

**CARL:** I'm sorry, did you just ask me to...

**WANDA:** Take a seat and [wait.]

**CARL:** Did you just tell me to...

**WANDA:** I said, if you would just [wait] a moment, Mr. Wainwright will be right out.

**CARL:** Does Mr. Wainwright know you use that kind of language?

**WANDA:** Excuse me?

**CARL:** Do you tell all of his important visitors to... you know...

**WANDA:** To [wait?]

**CARL:** You have no shame, do you?

**WANDA:** Really, sir, if you will [wait] just a moment—

**CARL:** Look, lady, I came here to see Mr. Wainwright, not to get cussed at by some minimum wage receptionist!

**WANDA:** Cussed at? I only asked you to [wait.]

*VINCE enters, walks up to the desk. A little girl, BRENDA, trails behind him.*