

"THE NON-ARGUMENT"

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Synopsis

Often times, married couples find themselves in the midst of a serious argument over something trivial. This sketch focuses on how easy it is for couples to fall into an argument over nothing.

Scripture

1 Corinthians 7:28b

Ministry Lesson

The apostle Paul warns us that once we marry we will experience ups and downs, anxiety, and distress in our marriage relationship.

Ministry Focus

Marriage and couples

Genre: Comedy

Cast

Husband

Wife

Costumes

Normal modern-day attire

Props

Table and 2 Chairs

Newspaper

Sales advertisement magazine

Coffee cups

Time: 4 mins.

Sound Effects

None

Director Notes

It's important for characters to learn lines well. The wording is tricky but important. Each character's response is based on the other's previous statement. Don't ad lib. Play with the emotional changes in the characters, from having a normal conversation, to threatening one's personal pride, to becoming argumentative, to becoming apologetic.

THE NON-ARGUMENT

INTERIOR - KITCHEN

COUPLE IS SEATED AT KITCHEN TABLE DRINKING COFFEE. HUSBAND IS READING NEWSPAPER. WIFE IS LOOKING THROUGH A SALES ADVERTISEMENT.

WIFE

Honey, there are a lot of good sales
this weekend.

HUSBAND

(half listening)
Huh?

WIFE

Memorial Day sales.

HUSBAND

Oh, yeah...sure.

WIFE

(admiring picture)
This would look so nice in my bedroom.

HUSBAND

(looks up) Our bedroom.

WIFE

Oh you know what I mean.

HUSBAND

Whatever it is, we can't afford it.

WIFE

That's what you always say. Besides, I
didn't ask you to buy this for me.

HUSBAND

That's because I'm not going to buy it.

WIFE

Well, I didn't ask you to.

HUSBAND

Because you know I won't.

WIFE

(stares at husband)

If I wanted you to, you would.

HUSBAND

(stares back)

No I wouldn't.

WIFE

Yes you would!

HUSBAND

No I wouldn't!

WIFE

Oh yes you would.

HUSBAND

You don't see me buying it.

WIFE

That's because I haven't asked you.

HUSBAND

Because you know I won't.

WIFE

No, because I don't need you to.

HUSBAND

That's good, because I wouldn't anyway.

WIFE

(threatening)

Now if you keep this up, I'm going to ask.

HUSBAND

(defensive)

You'd better not.

WIFE

Don't tell me what I can't do.

HUSBAND

Then do it.

WIFE

I don't want to.

HUSBAND

'Cause I told you not to.

WIFE

No, because I don't need to.

HUSBAND

That's good. That's what I said in the first place.

HUSBAND RETURNS TO READING NEWSPAPER.

WIFE

Oh you didn't say anything.

HUSBAND

I said what I wanted to say.

WIFE

You said what you thought I needed to hear.

HUSBAND

Well, you heard it.

WIFE

I don't need to hear from you, to do what I want to do.

HUSBAND

You never do what you want, when you hear me say don't do it.

WIFE

No, I don't do what I want, because I don't want to do it.

HUSBAND

Oh that's what you always say.

WIFE

No I don't.

HUSBAND

Yes you do!

WIFE

No I don't!

HUSBAND

(calling her bluff)

Then go ahead do what you don't want to do, even though you know I don't want you to do it.

WIFE

No, you do it.

HUSBAND

(upset)

Wait a minute, now don't tell me what to do.

WIFE

You told me what to do.

HUSBAND

But I was just joking. I really didn't want you to do it.

COUPLE SOFTENS - PACE SLOWS

- End of Preview -

Do you want to know how this script ends?
There's a wonderful ministry message at the end.

Return to the selection list and click the "Buy" button.
