

Drama Script

(DRA013)

The discontented housewife

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DRAMA: “THE DISCONTENTED HOUSEWIFE” (DRA013)

- Aim of Script:** To provoke people to be content and thankful with what they have been given by the Lord.
- Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship service the script could be preceded by reading 1 Timothy 6:6-10 and then teaching that we have so much to thank God for because we all have food and clothing and much much more. However we live in a culture that struggles to be thankful with the result that many of us can feel discontent.
- The script could be followed by teaching that the secret to contentment is thankfulness. Timothy says (1Tim 6:8) that if we have food and clothing we can be content. The Lord is our greatest treasure. Encourage people into a time of thanksgiving for all that the Lord has given them.
- Main themes:** Contentment, Thankfulness, Materialism, Greed
- Biblical references:** Philippians 4:11b-13, 1Timothy 6:6-10
- Cast:** Housewife, husband, plumber, carpenter, painter, poor woman holding baby (PW), relief worker (RW)
- Props:** Argos catalogue, IKEA catalogue or “Ideal Home” magazine for the housewife, piece of plumbing hose and a wrench for the plumber, a saw and spirit level for the carpenter, a paint pot and brush for the painter, a bag of food for the relief worker.

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(Enter Housewife reading an Argos catalogue or IKEA catalogue or Ideal Home magazine, which could contain the script. She stands centre stage. Plumber then enters carrying a piece of plumbing hose and a wrench).

- Plumber:** I think that is all madam. I have finally finished after eighteen months of work on this house. The gold taps are now in place in your four new bathrooms, I have changed the toilet seat in the downstairs toilet as you asked to the dolphin design, and the swimming pool shouldn't give you any more problems.
- Housewife:** Good.....mmmmI was just thinking.....I think I would like that dolphin design of toilet seat in the upstairs toilet as well, so that all the toilets match. Could you sort that out now?
- Plumber:** I'll need to go the yard and see if they have any more of that design. Are you sure you really want to change that seat.....I only put in the whale design last week?
- Housewife:** I wouldn't be happy now that I've noticed that the toilet seats aren't the same. Do what you can to get me one please.

(Exit plumber shaking his head in despair. Enter carpenter carrying a saw and a spirit level)

Carpenter: Well madam I think you should be very pleased with the extension on the back of the house. You now have two extra bedrooms, a games room and a study. I'm all finished so I'll be off.

Housewife: Hold on a moment.....I was thinking today that it would be really nice if I could have another window in the master bedroom.

Carpenter: Another window madam....but there are already five windows in that room. Why would you need another one?

Housewife: I can't see the woods from my bed and I would be so much happier if I could see them.

Carpenter: We are talking about another week's work here.....I have already been here nearly twenty months. I'll have to look at my diary and get back to you.

(Exit carpenter)

Housewife: I don't know. Life is nothing but problems, problems, problems. These workmen are giving me so much stress.

(Housewife freezes. Enter poor woman holding a baby who stands to one side of the stage.)

PW: I hope this feeding centre has some food today.....we haven't eaten for two days.

(Enter relief worker carrying a bag of food)

RW: Here you are....., I'm sorry it isn't very much, but it should feed your family for a week.

PW: Thank you so much. I am so grateful to you.

RW: Have you walked far to get here?

PW: I have walked for two days, but it has been worth it. Thank you so much. God be praised. He has been so good to me.

(Poor woman holding a baby and relief worker freeze.)

(Enter Painter carrying a paint pot and a brush)

Housewife: Fred, Fred.

Painter: Hello madam.....I was just finishing off painting the back bedroom. All the rooms in the house have been re-painted now, so that should last you a few years.

Housewife: What colour have you painted the back bedroom?

Painter: Pink madam, like you asked.

Housewife: Whatever was I thinking of....pink....I definitely don't want it pink. Oh dear I am getting a headache now....it's all the stress. I shall have to go and lie down.

Painter: What colour would you like then madam if pink istoo stressful for you?

Housewife: Lemon....it will have to be lemon.....my next door neighbour's bedrooms are all painted lemon and they are simply glorious.

(Exit painter. Housewife freezes.)

RW: Do you have clean water in your village?

PW: Oh no, but we do have a river that is only five minutes' walk away. That is such a blessing for which I am very grateful. Some people have to walk miles for their water.

RW: And how many people share your hut?

PW: Eight of us share my one-roomed hut, but they are all my family and I thank God every day that I have a roof over my head.

(Poor woman holding a baby and relief worker freeze. Enter husband)

Husband: Good evening darling, had a good day?

Housewife: No it has been terrible.....so many problems in the house.

Husband: Oh I am sorry....you seem so depressed. Let me take you out shopping to cheer you up.

Housewife: Thank you dear.....I really need a new dress, a couple of pairs of shoes and a fur lined jacket. While we are in town I would also like to look at a few Estate Agents. I think it might be time for us to move to a bigger house.

(Exit all)