

# “A Penny Saved”

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- What:** A husband and wife are trying to be better about spending money and sticking to a budget. Both have made sacrifices and have started to realize how hard making sacrifices is.
- Who:** Husband- John, Wife- Kate
- When:** Present day
- Why:** Matthew 25: 14-30 The Parable of the Talents
- Wear:** Couch, several bags from department stores with at least one big bag, a pair of shoes
- How:** This is natural banter between a husband and wife. Lines should be picked up quickly with little or no pause in between. It should also be lighthearted. This couple has been married for 10+ years.

***Kate** is sitting on the couch in the living room admiring a new pair of shoes she just bought. She’s talking to the shoe quietly as if it were a puppy or a baby. **John** walks in to ask **Kate** a question but catches her in the act. There are other shopping bags around her as well.*

John: Hey honey, have you seen the- (***Kate** hides the shoe behind her back quickly*) what are you doing?

Kate: Hmm?

John: What are you doing? What’s that behind your back?

Kate: What? What you mean?

John: There. Behind your back. You’re hiding something. Is that a shoe?

Kate: A shoe? No. I’m not hiding a shoe. Why would I be hiding a shoe?

John: You are! You’re hiding a shoe behind your back!

Kate: Am not!

John: Then show me your hands. (***Kate** drops the shoe behind her back and shows her empty hands.*) Now stand up.

Kate: John, this is ridiculous!

John: Stand! (***Kate** stands up to reveal the shoe. This may take some ad-libbing until **John** actually sees the shoe.*) Ah ha! I was right! Those are new aren’t they?!

Kate: Oooh! They were on sale!

John: And what is all this?! There’s like four more bags over here! Did you go shopping?

Kate: It’s important to remember here that this stuff was on sale! We needed it and it was on sale and I had to buy it all right then

because it would not have been there later if I hadn't. See look...I got you this pretty shirt...look at the shirt...isn't it pretty? It would look awfully nice for you to golf in!

John: Now wait a minute.

Kate: Oh yeah, while we're on the subject of spending money unnecessarily, let's talk about golf.

John: We're not talking about my problems here we're talking about yours. You're the one obsessed with the shoes!

Kate: I am not obsessed!

John: You buy all these shoes you don't wear and you leave them out all over the floor in the closet and I step on them! It's like a land mine in there.

Kate: I do too wear every pair of shoes I have. I may not wear each pair everyday, but they are there when I need them. And sometimes they like to get out and play in the floor in the closet.

John: You're crazy.

Kate: I'm crazy?! Let me tell you what crazy is! Crazy is sleeping with your golf clubs!

John: I had a very important game the next day!

Kate: I wake up at 2 o'clock in the morning with a big fat golf club thingy staring me in the face! I'm pretty sure I'm scarred for life. To this day your golf bag sends a chill down my spine.

John: Oh now you're being dramatic.

Kate: I'm just saying pot (*points to John*)...kettle (*points to herself*).

John: Alright, alright. Look, I don't want to argue with you.