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Disputable Matters (Humor)

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Scripture:

Romans 14

Theme:

Handling matters of secondary importance among believers

Applications:

Keeping the 'Main Thing' the 'Main Thing'

Cast:

2 men or women

Setting:

Coffee Shop, Sidewalk Cafe type setting.

Time:

Lunch time

Characters:

Larry/Lucy Legalist

Frank/Fern Freewill

If the debate is between 2 women, Janis and Peggy can be changed to Jim and Peter. The gender specific dialog concerning home schooling can be altered as needed.

Performance time:

5-7 Minutes

(Frank is sitting at the table, eating lunch and reading his Bible. He is approached by Larry who has noticed Frank reading.)

Larry- Hey Frank, how is going?

Frank- Larry, I haven't seen you out and about in the neighborhood for a while.

Larry- Peggy and I took a week's vacation and went to a Christian Living Seminar. *(he sits uninvited)* Let me tell you about it.

Frank- (*a bit disgruntled*) Uh...care to join me?

Larry- Thanks. Anyway, the Fulfilling Christian Life conference was great. They showed us through the Scriptures how to live a really Fulfilling Christian Life.

Frank- That sounds great. Tell me *a little* about it.

Larry- (*pleased with the opportunity*) OK, well, here's a prime example. You're having a glass of wine with your lunch. You know what Ephesians says about dinking wine, right?

Frank- Yes, I do. And you'll notice I'm following what it says in Ephesians. Do *you* remember what Paul wrote to Timothy about drinking a little wine? Wine was a common drink in the first century. Jesus even turned water into wine. It was his first miracle.

Larry- Sure, but for Timothy the wine was for medicinal reasons and, after all, in the first century they drank wine because the water wasn't always very sanitary. And that's why, Peg and I will only be drinking water with our meals from now on.

Frank- (*skeptical*) And this is part of your *Fulfilling* Christian Life?

Larry- Of course. Here's another example. What are you reading there?

Frank- The Bible.

Larry- I know it's the Bible. Which translation?

Frank- The English Standard Version. A lot of us church are starting to use it.

Larry- That's one of those really new versions, isn't it?

Frank- It's pretty new, but I really like they way it presents the Word, scholarly, but understandable.

Larry- Well... at the conference they reminded us that newer is not necessarily better or even correct. That's why we're gonna stick with the, truly inspired, KJV. Not the New KJV mind you. The original King James Version. If it was good enough for Paul, it's good enough for me.

Frank- Larry, you know that Paul didn't use the...

Larry- That's a joke Frank. Lighten up. Here's another thing we're doing because of the conference. (*with pride*) We're pulling the kids out of public school. Peggy's gonna home school them from now on.

Frank- And why would she do that?

Larry- Well, the public schools are nothing but a 'hot-bed of liberal humanism'. We want to make sure our kids learn the truth. And with the drugs and the gangs and everything, we decided that home schooling is better over all.

Frank- Is Peggy qualified to teach at the same level as the regular teachers?

Larry- She a mom, isn't she? She's great with the kids. She's been teaching them since birth. What more could she need?

Frank- I don't know, Larry. / would just want to be sure the education was strong enough of the kids to go on after high school... Why do I think you found more enlightenment from your conference?

Larry- Right you are. Don't be surprised if there's another Larry Jr. running around here soon.

Frank- Why?

Larry- We're not going to be using any birth control from now on.

Frank- And why would you do that?

Larry- The conference leaders reminded us that, 'children are a blessing from God'. And if He wants to bless us with more kids, we're not going to stand in His way.

Frank- And you believe this is the right thing to do because the conference leaders told you that? Don't you want to have some say in the matter?

Larry- Far be it from us to argue with the Scriptures.

Frank- And exactly how many Scriptures did they use to back that up?

Larry- I don't exactly remember. A couple, I think. What did you guys do while we were away?

Frank- Not too much. This weekend Janis and I went to see that new action, adventure movie.

Larry- Isn't that one rated 'R'?

Frank- I think it probably was.

Larry- And you went to see it in the theatre? You didn't wait for the home version to come out?

Frank- Yes, Larry. We went to see it in the theatre. What about it?

Larry- People might have seen you going in. You don't want to be a stumbling block do you?

Frank- What? Are you saying that watching an 'R' rated movie on video is ok, but going to see it in public isn't?

Larry- We need to be the example, Frank, we need to be the example.

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