

# THEY'VE GOT TO HAVE IT

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*[A sketch on consumerism based on Matthew 13 vv 45,46 – the pearl of great price]*

## CAST

NARRATOR 1 - MALE OR FEMALE  
NARRATOR 2 - MALE OR FEMALE  
A - YOUNG FEMALE  
B - YOUNG MALE  
C - YOUNG MALE OR FEMALE  
D - YOUNG MALE OR FEMALE

*Invent names as appropriate*

NARRATOR 1      Once upon a time there were four friends

NARRATOR 2      A..... *[Enter A]*

N1                    B..... *[Enter B]*

N2                    C..... *[Enter C]*

N1                    and D..... *[Enter D]*

N2                    One day they were bored. They couldn't think of a thing to do.

N1                    Suddenly A..... had a brilliant idea. She said..

A                     Let's go shopping!

B,C,D                Wow, that's a brilliant idea.

N2                    So, off they went to the shops.

N1                    A..... was a trendy, snappy dresser.

N2                    She visited all the fashion shops and finally found a Versace dress with 30% off. *[A holds up or mimes admiring a short dress]*

N1                    30% off the price, that is.

N2                    She said to herself..

A                     I've got to have it.

N1                    So she did.

N2                    B..... was a computer nerd.

N1                    He knew all there was to know about computers.

N2                    Hard drive, floppy disc, wysiwyg, modems, bits, bytes, roms, rams, sheep ...

N1                    Sheep?

N2                    Well, maybe not sheep.

N1                    He visited all the computer shops and finally found a state of the art laptop computer with 40% off. *[B holds up or mimes looking at a laptop]*

N2                    He said to himself..

B                      I've got to have it.

N1                    So he did.

N2                    C..... was a music freak.

N1                    S/he knew all there was to know about modern music.

N2                    Britpop, Indypop, Trance, House, Garage, Shed at the bottom of the garden....

N1                    Shed at the bottom of the garden?

N2                    It'll come: just you wait and see.

N1                    S/he visited all the music shops and finally found a CD of the latest music by ..... *[Insert appropriate name]* with 50% off. *[C holds up or mimes looking at or listening to a CD]*

N2                    S/he said to her/himself.

C                      I've got to have it.

N1                    So s/he did.

N2                    D..... was a dreamer, a romantic, a deep thinker ...

- N1 .. or, as her/his friends would have it ...
- A,B,C An idiot.
- N2 S/he passed a jewellers shop and caught sight of a beautiful pearl on display in the window. *[D mimes this]*
- N1 S/he said to her/himself.
- D *[Dreamily but determinedly]* I've got to have it.
- N2 S/he hadn't got enough money on her/him to afford the full price being asked... *[D checks wallet]*
- N1 .. so s/he went to a money machine and withdrew all s/he had.*[D mimes going to money machine]*
- N2 S/he went back and bought it. *[D mimes and/or holds up pearl gazing at it admiringly]*
- N1 At the end of the day the friends met up to compare their purchases.
- N2 They admired A.....'s Versace dress and were amazed at the price she had paid for it.
- D How much?
- B That's fantastic.
- C What a bargain.
- N1 They admired B.....'s state of the art laptop and were amazed at the price he had paid for it.
- D How much?
- C That's incredible.
- A What a bargain.
- N2 They admired C.....'s CD by ..... and were amazed at the price s/he had paid for it.
- D How much?

- A That's stupendous.
- B What a bargain.
- N1 They admired D.....'s pearl and were amazed at the price s/he had paid for it.
- A [*Incredulous*] How much?
- B That's ridiculous.
- C What a rip-off.
- N2 A year later the four friends met up again and reminisced about their shopping spree.
- N1 They asked A..... about her Versace dress.
- A Oh, I gave it away to Oxfam. Noone would be seen dead in a thing like that anymore.
- N2 They asked B..... about his state of the art laptop.
- B Oh, I've had to replace it. It's so slow and the screen resolution is abysmal.
- N1 They asked C..... about his CD by .....
- C Oh, I never play that rubbish anymore. I'm more into Shed at the bottom of the garden music now.
- N2 See, I told you it would come in eventually.
- N1 They asked D..... about his pearl of great price.
- D It's of more value to me now than when I first bought it.
- N2 What a dreamer, they thought.
- N1 What a romantic, they thought.
- N2 What a deep thinker, they thought.
- A,B,C What an idiot.

*THE END*