

Cooperative Program

by Owen Robertson

(A husband is sitting at a desk making out bills.)

Mary! Honey, what is this Belk's bill for two hundred and thirty seven dollars?! I thought we agreed we wouldn't run that bill up any further!? We've got to cut down this unnecessary spending. What do you mean it wasn't unnecessary? What was it? Mary, what did you spend the money on?? Kay's prom dress. You spent two hundred and thirty something dollars on a dress she'll wear once in her life?!? No, I want her to look nice too. But two hundred dollars is not nice. Two hundred dollars is stupid. Honey, how are we going to better budget our... are you listening to me? Mary?? Mary? What is it now? Don't say it's nothing - I know something's wrong. What!? When did I call you stupid? Honey, I did not. Well, if I did I didn't mean anything by it. Apologize? Apologize for what?? No!! Not unless you want to apologize for this! Well, it was stupid. You know we can't afford things like this. We've been living beyond our means for too long — we've got to cut back. You don't act like you know it. I don't want to get in a fight. Mary, you're pushing. Look!! I do my best to provide for you and Kay — I may not have the best job in the world... we don't have a BMW or a pool, but it's because of unnecessary crud like this. If you want to spend money that we don't have then go out and get a job. You lower your own voice. While I'm the bread winner of the house, what I say goes! End of discussion! Mary, I don't want to hear another word. Shut up!!

(End with transition on how the (COOPERATIVE PROGRAM helps fund Family Counseling programs.)

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