

10 Apples written by Leigh Riches, based on a concept by Graeme Harrison.

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(Wife is sitting centre stage behind a table - kitchen scene - husband walks in with a bag full of 10 apples and places the bag on the table in front of the wife.)

**Wife:** Payday?

**Husband:** Yes, look how much God has blessed us this week *(He proceeds to take out the 10 apples from the bag and pile them up on the table.*

**Wife:** Wow that's a lot. - what are we going to do with all that?

**Husband** *(picks up one apple and begins eating)* Budgeting - that's what it's all about - we can't just use this all willy-nilly,... we've got to work out what things are most important and allocate some to each area.

**Wife:** Like the **mortgage**?

**Husband:** That's right *(sets out 10 paper bowl on the table and places the first apple in a bowl)* If we don't make the repayments we'll have to give up this great house for a shed!

**Wife:** What about the car, we had a bill for that today, and it needs a service too.

**Husband:** *(as he places 2nd apple in bowl)* **Car**.... yep, that's important too.

**Wife:** That reminds me, when I dropped the kids off for school, the Administrator asked if we'd paid this month's school fees?

**Husband:** *(places the 3rd apple in and nods)* **School** - A good education doesn't come free. A neither do the **Movies** - I wanted to see that new movie on Saturday *(places 4th apple in bowl)* and now we can!

**Wife:** *(picks up bowl and starts stirring something)* Tea's almost ready, by the way - but I'll need some more sausages for the barbecue this weekend.

**Husband:** Good - *(bites apple)* I'm starved ... *(puts 5th apple in bowl)* .. we'll put this aside for **Food**.

**Wife:** And don't forget you promised to take the kids to McDonalds after the game on Saturday...

**Husband:** Yeah.. **Mc Donalds** *(as he places 6th apple in)* - I've already got that covered.

**Wife:** Oh - I need a new dress for the wedding next Saturday, ... do you think....

*Husband:* (places 7th apple in bowl) **Clothes!** There should be enough for One new dress and... (looks at wife as she is about to speak and second guesses her) A new.... **toaster** for the married couple.. (places 8th apple in bowl)

**Wife:** They're going to Bali you know.... I've always want to go to Bali...

*Husband:* (places 9th Apple in bowl) mmmm.... I suppose.....**Bali** we'll start saving up for that. - Well that's it. I can't help thinking that we've forgotten something though.....

**Wife:** (pause)... What about God?

*Husband:* (agrees) mmm... **God**.... (looks at all the bowls and apples, looks around, and then finally at the core he has left - looks at wife)... ummm.... I guess.... this... could be.... for..... **God**.

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