

**Nuggets of Fun and Nostalgia for Treasure Valley Golden-Agers**

## The Christmas Coat

A man was fumblin' around one day  
In a women's clothing store.  
He'd found his wife a Christmas coat  
And was headed for the door.

When he bumped into a little boy  
That looked like he was lost,  
And he said "Mister, can you help me  
Find out how much something costs?"

"Here it is almost Christmas  
And the nights are getting' cold.  
Wintertime is on us  
And my mom don't have a coat."

"I've been workin' for the neighbors  
And saving for a time."  
And in his tiny, outstretched hand  
Was a dollar and a dime.

His gaze went from that big-eyed boy  
To that pretty Christmas coat,  
And he finally cleared away the lump  
That had gathered in his throat.

He said "Son, that's just what this coat costs  
We're lucky that we found 'er."  
And he turned around and gave a wink  
To the lady at the counter.



She put it in a pretty box  
And wrapped it up just so,  
And went off in the back  
And found a big red Christmas bow.

He said "I thank you for your help, sir,  
And I kindly thank you ma'am.  
I hope y'all are gonna have a big Christmas  
Cause now I know I am."

Well the man walked home busted  
Except for the dollar and the dime,  
Thinkin' he'd just have to buy  
The coat another time.

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He told his wife that Christmas this year  
 Wouldn't be much fun,  
 And he gently took her in his arms  
 And told her what he'd done.

She said "Why you old softie,  
 I wouldn't trade you for a farm.  
 I've got two or three old coats  
 And your love to keep me warm."

She put that money in a matchbox  
 And placed it beneath their tree,  
 And said "That is the grandest gift  
 You've ever given me."

The years went by like years will do  
 When people are in love.  
 Their marriage was a golden bond  
 That was forged by God above.



Then one day came some bitter news  
 That filled his heart with fright:  
 The doctor told the old man's wife  
 That she was going to lose her sight.

He said "There's an operation we can do,  
 But it puts me on the spot,  
 Cause it's a quite complex procedure  
 And it's going to cost a lot."

The old man said "Doctor, I'm a failure,  
 I've made no preparation.  
 We don't have the money  
 For that kind of an operation."

The doctor got the strangest look  
 And he sat there for a while.  
 And then he slowly nodded  
 And he broke out in a smile.

He said "Why sir you can't fool me  
 You're a very wealthy man.  
 You long ago invested  
 In the world's best savings plan."

"I'll see she gets the best of care  
 She's going to be just fine.  
 And the total cost to you, old friend,  
 Is a dollar and a dime."

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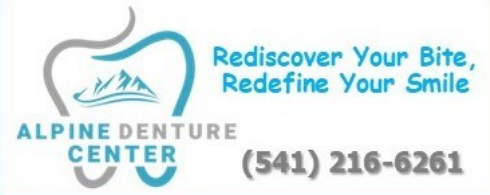
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Most people use their cell phones  
to call or text people.  
I'm at the age where I use my phone to take  
pictures of labels I can't read, and I use my  
phone to enlarge the print so I can read it.



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If thieves wear sneakers,  
and artists wear skechers,  
then speech therapists must wear converse!  
Politicians wear flip flops.

Bakers wear loafers.

Pilots wear wingtips.

Beach bums wear sandals.

Everglades hunters wear  
crocs.

Dog trainers wear heels.

Pirates wear booties.

Physicians wear Doc Martens.

Unemployed wear loafers.

Superman wears P.F. Fliers

Plumbers wear clogs.

Ivy League student wear oxfords.

Bartenders wear tap shoes.

Train conductors wear track shoes.

Snake charmers wear moccasins.



## Christmas Quiz

1. How many ghosts show up in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*?
2. How many gifts were given in total in 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' song?
3. Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
4. How many of Rudolph's fellow reindeers' names start with 'D'?
5. In the movie *Home Alone 2 (1992)*, who does Kevin run into in the hotel lobby?
6. When do the 12 days of Christmas start?
7. What plant is sometimes known as the 'Christmas flower'?
8. Which ornament is typically placed on the top of the tree?
9. 'Jingle Bells' was originally a song for what other holiday?
10. What kind of Christmas is Elvis going to have?

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for the answers)**




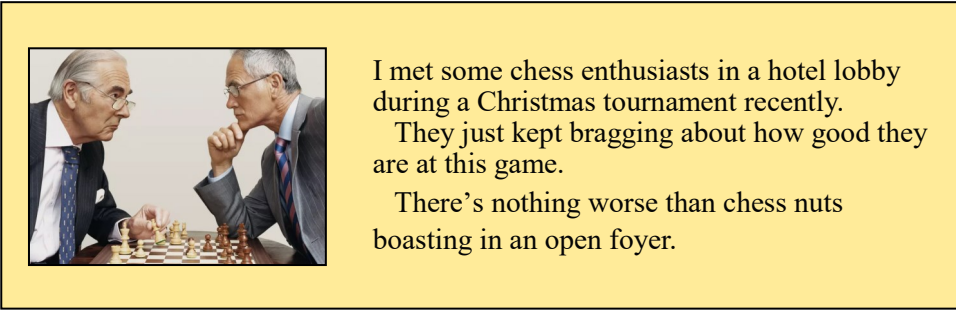
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I got confused by  
all the yard signs.  
I think I may have  
voted for a realtor.

A photograph of two elderly men with glasses playing chess. They are both wearing suits and ties. The man on the left is moving a piece, while the man on the right watches intently with his hand on his chin. The chessboard is on a dark table, and the background is a plain, light-colored wall.

I met some chess enthusiasts in a hotel lobby during a Christmas tournament recently. They just kept bragging about how good they are at this game.

There's nothing worse than chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.



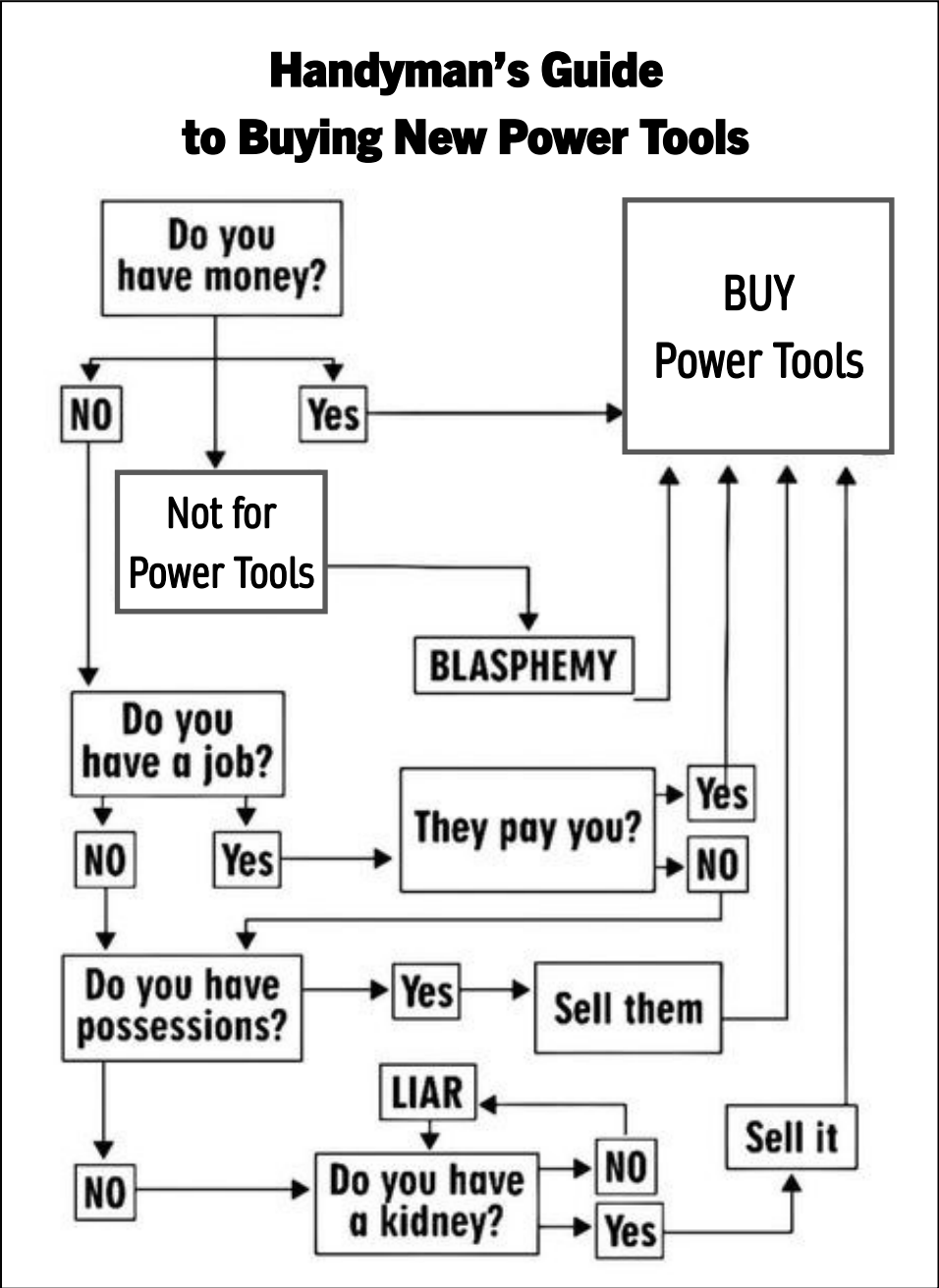
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
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graph TD; Q1[Do you have money?] -- Yes --> B[BUY Power Tools]; Q1 -- NO --> N1[Not for Power Tools]; Q1 --> B; N1 --> BL[BLASPHEMY]; N1 --> B; N1 --> Q2[Do you have a job?]; Q2 -- Yes --> Q3[They pay you?]; Q2 -- NO --> Q4[Do you have possessions?]; Q3 -- Yes --> B; Q3 -- NO --> Q4; Q4 -- Yes --> S1[Sell them]; Q4 -- NO --> Q5[Do you have a kidney?]; S1 --> B; Q5 -- Yes --> S2[Sell it]; S2 --> B; Q5 -- NO --> L[LIAR]; L --> Q5;
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The old man stared in disbelief,  
Then he recognized that smile.  
The one he'd seen those years ago  
On a loving thoughtful child.

He said "What you gave to me that day  
Was more than just a coat.  
You gave me the gift of giving  
And you gave my mother hope."

"My mother'd been mistreated,  
Neglected and abused.  
But she gave life just one more chance  
And it was all because of you."



"Now every year she takes that coat  
And lays it beneath our tree.  
It represents to us the things  
That Christmas ought to be."

"She says that when we leave this world  
For a better home someday,  
The only things that we'll take with us  
Are the things we gave away."

## **Grandpa's Face**



A little girl was sitting next to her grandfather as he read her a bedtime story.

From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up and touch his wrinkled cheek. She touched her own cheek after she touched his.

After a little while of thinking she asked, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

He looked at her and said, "Yes, sweetheart, God made me a long time ago."

She paused for a few seconds and then asked, "Grandpa, did God make me, too?"

He replied, "Yes, indeed, pumpkin. God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she whispered to him, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

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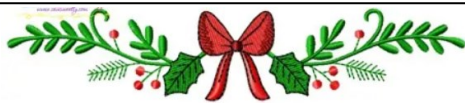
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It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think  
nothing was wrong with it.

In fact nothing IS wrong with it!

It is highly unusual though. If you study it and think  
about it, you may find out, but I am not going to assist  
you in any way. You must do it  
without coaching.

No doubt, if you study it, it  
will dawn on you.

Who knows? Go to work and  
try your skill. Most can work  
this out in about half an hour.  
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