***The Golden Wedding Gift***
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I heard about a couple who had been married for fifty years. It was their golden wedding anniversary. And this was a very unusual couple, because they’d argued all the way through their married life. I mean, just right from the start of the time that they got married they argued day in, day out, week in, week out, month in, month out, year in, year out!

And when it got to their fiftieth wedding anniversary, the whole family got together and they thought, you know, `What could we give this couple as a fiftieth, golden wedding anniversary present?’ And they decided the best thing that they could give them was a visit to a top consultant psychiatrist, all expenses paid.

Well, the couple argued about whether or not they should accept! They argued all the way there, and as they walked into the psychiatrist’s office they were still arguing.

The psychiatrist asked them one question— immediately they started arguing. And this top consultant psychiatrist, he said, `Stop!’ He said, `Look, I’m going to do something I have never done before in my entire professional career.’

He got up from behind his desk, he walked round the other side, and he took this little old lady in his arms and he kissed her on the lips for a very long time! And then he said to the man, `Now, that is what this woman needs — three times a week.’

And the man scratched his head and he said, `Okay, doctor, if that’s what you say, I’ll bring her in Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays.’