

Tales of Moderation

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“**Tales of Moderation**” is episode #183 of the *Adventures in Odyssey* audio series. It was written and directed by [Phil Lollar](#), and originally aired on [February 22, 1992](#).

Summary

[Connie](#) reads three stories from [Whit](#) about moderation, which include a talking [toaster](#), two farmers, and a [young prince](#).

Plot



It all started at [Whit's](#) house. [Connie](#) is there, helping him clean out his garage. There, she notices something: Although [Whit](#) is wealthy and owns lots of property, he chooses to live in a modest home. [Connie](#) asks [Whit](#) about it. She wonders why he doesn't live in a way that better suits his financial status. [Whit](#) tells

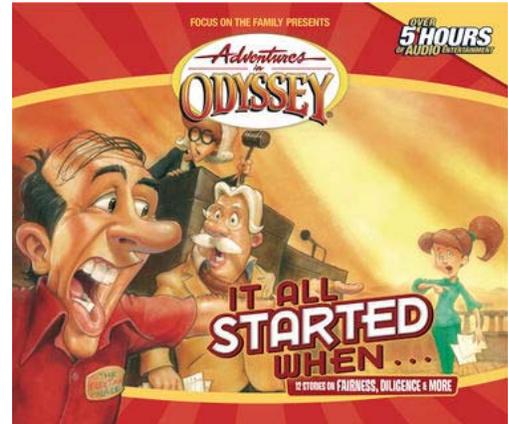
[Connie](#) that wisdom and experience have taught him that it's much better to exercise moderation and live more simply.

[Connie](#) isn't convinced, so [Whit](#) gives her a book of three tales, which explains his reasons for living like he does. The first tale, [An Hour Later](#), is about two farmers. They both worked very hard one year, and it paid off. [The first farmer](#) went crazy and had a lavished New Year's Eve party, while [the second farmer](#) divided his blessings into fourths and celebrated New Year's Eve quietly with his family. The next year wasn't so good. The Blights came and destroyed their crops. The first farmer had nothing left, while the second farmer was fine.

[Whit's](#) second tale, [Who Owns Who](#), is about a [Young Man](#) who surrounds himself with every expensive and modern appliance available in order to become truly independent. Then, his appliances start talking! He goes to sleep, thinking it's a nightmare, but his alarm talks to him! The appliances tell the man that he's been neglecting them, leaving them to get old. The man agrees, and soon enough, he did nothing but fixing appliances. Finally, he gets frustrated and tells them to do what they were created to do--or else! He jumps in his car, satisfied, but it and his garage won't let him go anywhere!

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#183: “Tales of Moderation”



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Scripture [Matthew 6:19-21](#)
[Luke 18:18-25](#)

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Finally, Connie reads *Can You Journey Through the Eye of a Needle*, the story of a rich, young prince who asks a great teacher what he must do to gain eternal life. The teacher tells him to sell all his possessions and give them to the poor. The young prince leaves sadly - he loves his wealth more than he loves anything else.

The point is made - Connie understands the importance of moderation. In her prayers that evening, she thanks God for giving her a wise friend like John Avery Whittaker.

Discussion Questions

1. Connie felt that since Whit was wealthy, he should live like it. Do you agree?
 - Why or why not?
2. What were Whit's reasons for living simply?
3. Why is it important to practice moderation?
 - How can you practice moderation in your life?

Cast

Heard in episode

Relative Importance / Chronological

Mentioned in episode

Character	Mentioned By
Eugene Meltsner	John Whittaker
June Kendall	Connie Kendall

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Sample 

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Role	Actor
Connie Kendall	Katie Leigh
John Whittaker	Hal Smith
Bill	Walker Edmiston
Tedd	Will Ryan
Young Man	Will Ryan
Young Prince	Will Ryan
Jesus Christ	Walker Edmiston
Storekeeper	Hal Smith
Morty Blight	Hal Smith
Ethel Blight	Katie Leigh
Mort Blight Jr.	Phil Lollar
Boll Blight	<i>Unknown</i>
Weeval Blight	Bob Luttrell
Toaster	Phil Lollar
Television	Hal Smith
Electric Razor	Walker Edmiston
Portable Shower Massager	Katie Leigh
Alarm Clock	Phil Lollar
Car	Walker Edmiston
Garage	Hal Smith
Merchant	Walker Edmiston
Teacher	Hal Smith

Notes

Trivia

- The first story in this episode involves characters named "Bill" and "Tedd." This is most likely a reference to the Bill & Ted movies and animated series.
- At one point, Farmer Bill says "Hunger and want slink across the land like two giant...slinky things." This is an almost direct quote from the TV series Blackadder: "Disease and deprivation stalk our land like... two giant stalking things."
- This episode was used in Radio Scripts, Volume 2.
- The "Who Owns Who" segment of this episode bears a striking similarity to a Jungle Jam episode with the same title ("Who Owns Who") which was also written by Phil Lollar.

Quotes

Young Man: *I'll cut you all off from your power sources!*

Young Man: *<alarm buzzing> What a dream. Better turn off the ol' alarm, <smacks alarm>*

Alarm: *Thank you.*

Young Man: *You're Welc—AAH! <gulps> What?!*

Alarm: *Now, can we talk about my timing mechanism? I think it's a little slow.*

Young Man: *WWHHAAAAA, OOOH OOOOHH HOOOO HOOO HOOOOOO~!!!*

Bill: *I didn't know the sole of my shoe was pink! Oh, that's my foot.*

Connie Kendall: *And God... thank you again for my wise friend Whit. Next to you and my mom, he's the best friend I have.*

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