

1.5.-Let's go to the Cinema: Family Man

Many films deal with the drama of human life, showing its grief and love, harshness and difficulties. Cinema is like a mirror into which we can look at ourselves and from which we can learn. "Family Man" is a film that could help us to reflect on our life, in its integrity and different dimensions. Let's see why.



Directed by: Brett Ratner
Year: 2000
Country: USA
Script: David Diamond and David Weissman
Cast: Nicolas Cage, Téa Leoni, Don Cheadle, Amber Valletta, Jeremy Piven, Saul Rubinek, Josef Sommer, Mary Beth Hurt, Francine York, Harve Presnell, Ruth Williamson, Ken Leung



SYNOPSIS

Jack Campbell is a young Wall Street businessman; he is obsessed with his work and his luxurious lifestyle. But one morning - after an incident in a shop on Christmas Eve - he wakes up living a different life, an alternative life: he is no longer a rich man, rather he is poor, a humble tyre salesman married to Kate, the former girlfriend he had left some years ago to be able to devote himself to the world of business and finance..

IT MAKES US WONDER ABOUT:

- The values that rule, direct and give meaning to human life.
- The value of human life itself.
- The responsibility of our decisions.
- The need to contemplate our life as a whole, beyond specific experiences and situations.
- How important other people are in giving meaning to our life and our happiness.

THINK

- Could you imagine yourself living a different life?
- In your opinion, what are the values that should run our lives? Do you think people take these values into account? And you?
- Complete the following hypothesis:



- a) If I decided to study medicine in my city my life would be...
- b) If my parents won the lottery and they had a lot of money my life would be
- In your opinion, what are the most important moments in a person's life?
- Do we build our life by taking big or small decisions?