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**The response essay to O. Henry’s story “One thousand dollars”.**

“I wish I would have one thousand/million/billion dollars one day”, at least each of our contemporaries has ever thought of it. I suppose it is a common pleasure of the consumer society to make as much money as possible or even receive it for no reason in particular. Managing a sum of money though is often a big deal. Obedient and decent people would rather say that they spend a big amount of money for public purposes while businessmen tend to invest it. So what is the way out?

The principal character of the story “One thousand dollars” Gillian is faced with the problem of using the money when he inherits it from his uncle. However, Gillian must report to his uncle’s lawyers on each spending according to the will. I guess he gets the hint right away because he’s never had a Midas touch and usually spend much money on foolish pleasures. That’s exactly why he tries to ask advice from different people on how they would manage one thousand dollars if they owned it. But none of the answers satisfies him. To my mind, he cannot delegate responsibilities for such an important task to someone else. As if Gillian knew that the uncle teaches him a lesson and he should push the matter through. Finally, he makes a decision to do the right thing and give all the inherited money to his beloved Miss Hayden. He writes an account that shows how he’s spent one thousand dollars and hands it over to the lawyer. But it turns out that there are more conditions under which Gillian receives fifty thousand dollars if he has used one thousand prudently. He considers that he doesn’t want to be concerned with the obligations anymore and has torn his account before it’s read by the lawyers. Before leaving he reported that he’s spent one thousand dollars like water and in that case the rest of the money goes to Miss Hayden who has refused Gillian’s love though.

It seems to me that such an end cannot be considered as the magnificence of love and so on. I believe that it’s merely a pragmatic approach to money. And frankly speaking, I have no idea how I would use a fortune because it’s not a big deal only in words and not in deeds. It’s nothing about managing money but about your responsibility for it. Being streetwise I recognize that a big amount of money can turn out to be a burden as soon as you try to manage it better. I think everybody should measure thrice and cut once when they speculate on rolling in money like Scrooge McDuck and make these dreams come true.