

If I Had A Million Dollars

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People around the world dream of winning the lottery, dream of hitting the big jackpot. Everyone buys a lottery ticket now and again, just on the off chance they strike it rich with a lucky set of numbers. Practically everyone says they would retire on the spot if they did manage to win; they'd have enough money so that they'd never have to work again. Here's what I'd do with one million dollars, a very reasonable amount considering some of the jackpots available.

First, I'd buy a piece of real estate, somewhere not in the big city, where prices are much higher, but close enough where travel would be easy. On that property, I would build my dream house, with all the things I'd wished for as a kid. It wouldn't be as large as some mansions you see on television, but it would be larger than the average apartment here in Taiwan. It would have, aside from the necessities like bedrooms, bathrooms, and a kitchen, a room specifically designed for entertainment. The room would be furnished with all sorts of fun things, such as a pool table, a big-screen television with all the latest game consoles and video players, bookcases for all my books and comics, as well as plenty of display cases for my models and figurines. Classic pinball machines and arcade games would have their own special section of the room. An indoor swimming pool would also be necessary as well in this dream house.

Buying land and building a fairly large house on it would likely eat up a goodly portion of the one million dollars, but I'm sure I would have some left over, even after furnishing the place. It wouldn't be enough to live on for the rest of my life, not after paying off the house, but at least I wouldn't ever have to pay rent again or worry about having a place to stay. I'd probably use some of the remainder to buy a nice, sensible car; no flashy Corvettes or Porsches for me. I'd buy something durable, yet tasteful — perhaps one of the lower-end Mercedes Benz or BMW cars.

With housing and transport out of the way, the remainder of the money would probably go into a bank account or an investment account somewhere. I'm not one to splurge everything I have. I'd still go to work, hopefully making a comfortable living. After a few years, I might retire early, and become a writer or a painter, working out of my dream home.

Yes, my ideas of spending a million dollars vary a great deal from those people who want to travel the globe or go on massive shopping sprees. But my ideas make sure that after the million dollars are gone, I'll still be able to live well.