

If You Won the Lottery?

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Ric Baring, campus monitor:

"I would give to my church, give them my tithes (offerings), I would give a substantial amount to the church and I would donate to those who were in need. Then I would probably spread a lot of the money with my family and help them out. I'd donate to North High School, programs that are lacking as far as the activities with uniforms. Then I would go on a long vacation, I don't even know where I would go, I would just put a blind fold on and go to a globe and just spin it. Honestly, I would just help those in need, donate to a local homeless shelter and see what I can do as far as helping them, and donate to schools to see how I can help them too."



Matt Lakis, English teacher:

"What I would do is, I'd buy a villa on the Mediterranean Sea and on the island of Crete and probably just stay there the rest of my life, grow old and eat good food, so basically disappear in the middle of nowhere."

Anna Brown, science teacher:

"If I won the lottery, my family and I would divide the money into three portions: to give, to save/invest, and to spend. We would probably give about 20 percent of the money to churches, charities, foundations, etc. With that much money, it would be cool to start our own

foundation, or create a recurring scholarship. We would save and invest for our son's college expenses, our retirement, and as a legacy to our family. With the spend portion, we would have fun. I am sure that we would spend some to upgrade amenities in our daily living, but we would probably use a lot of it to travel the world. I don't think that money buys happiness, but I do think that every family should strive to be debt free, maintain a balanced budget, and find financial peace."



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What Would You Do If

Right now in the United States one thing that is a really popular is the lottery, which recently went up to \$1.5 billion. Everybody has fantasized about what they would do with the money if they ever won. We asked teachers what they would do if they won the lottery, this is what they had to say.

Laura Christensen, Reporter
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Heather Rosewall-Sevedge, health teacher:

"I would like to have my own school, like a more hands on school. I wouldn't mind being able to stay home with my kids and be able to go to the science center for example or the art center. Obviously I can't do that at North because that wouldn't cover everyone. Other than that I would pay off my debt."



Jessie Masteller, English teacher:

"The first thing that I would do is pay off all the debt that I owe. Second thing I would do is take care of all my family members' debt. Then I would purchase myself an island and after I purchased it I would helicopter myself there and live there, I wouldn't ever wear shoes again. Then I would hire people to give me manicures and pedicures and to teach my children. I would hire someone to cook all my meals and I would do scholarships for students and I would buy my husband season tickets to the Chicago Cubs and he would helicopter there and back. I would buy a cat and then make my cat its own house for it to live in because my husband is allergic to cats but my kids love cats too."



Matthew Andrews, history teacher:

"The first thing I would do is get a lawyer so they could help me handle my money, the only people that would know if I won is my family and me obviously. If they wanted to do a press conference I would wear a mask so no one would know it was me. Then after I got the money I would move somewhere quiet where no one would find me, then with the rest of the money I would split it with my family and figure out who gets what. Also Des Moines Public Schools would get a lot money too."

