

# The Gift of the Magi

- William Sydney Porter

## Introduction of the Author

The lesson Gift of the Magi is written by William Sydney Porter. In the name of his famous pen name called O. Henry. William Sydney Porter was born in year 1862, in United States of America. He was famous American short story writer, his stories are filled with realistic life situations along with some short of humour with surprised ending.

The lesson The Gift of the Magi is very famous and celebrated throughout the world. In this story William Sydney Porter blends with sympathy. It relates to middle-class family with emotions and understanding.

The lesson Gift of the Magi tells the story of young poor couple (wife & husband) who sacrifices their possessions in order to give each other the Christmas Gift.

## Moral of the story

The Moral of the story of The Gift of the Magi with True love they have for each other.

Magi: Magi means wiseman (Angles) who bought precious Gifts for the new born Infant Jesus.

When they saw a new born Jesus, a star is moving and they realised that it is the birth of great soul and they followed the star and finally the star reaches a small town called Bethlehem where it stop over the humble place of Jesus Christ.

## Theme of the story

The theme of the story is about the life such as the idea is Good always conquers the end (a) True love is forever.

## Summary of the story

The story tells about a young couple, Jim (Mr. James Dillingham Young) and Della, and how they deal with the challenges of buying secret Christmas gifts for each other with very little money.

## Plot of the story

On Christmas Eve, Della discovers that she has only 1.87 dollars to buy a present for her husband.

She visits a nearby hairdresser's shop which belongs to Madame Sofronie, who buys Della's long, beautiful, curly brown hair for 20 dollars. Della uses that money to buy a watch chain for her husband, Jim.

When Jim comes home, Della admits that she sold her long, beautiful hair to buy him a beautiful watch chain. At the same time, Jim admits that he sold his watch to buy a set of ornamental combs made of tortoise shell, which Della will not be able to use until her hair grows back.

Jim tells her that he sold that the watch given to him by his grandfather, which had been in his family for many years. It was sacrificed for the love of his beautiful wife, Della. The gifts they gave each other cannot be used, but they show how far they were willing to go to express their love.

### Conclusion

The lesson of "The Gift of the Magi" is about sacrifice and the value of true love, which is greater than worldly possessions.