

## Does Money Make You Happy?

Maybe you have heard the English expression that you can't buy happiness. Some people say that you can, but you just have to spend your money in the right way. If you buy things with your money, then you are not likely to become any happier than you were before you made your purchase.	59 117 171 229 286
But if you use your money to buy experiences, then are you more likely to become happier? Let us look at the following example. Let us say that you need new shoes because your old shoes are ruined and you are barefoot. In the store you see a shiny new pair of shoes. You think they will make you happier than having no shoes. Unfortunately, you do not have enough money to buy the shoes. So you work hard and save up your money. You buy the shoes once you have saved up enough money.	345 377 435 492 547 606 664 723 771
Are you happier than you were before you bought the shoes? Sure, you will be happier. But then your new shoes become dirty and old. Do the shoes still make you happy? No, they do not. Your money did not buy you real happiness. Now you need new shoes again!	831 889 948 1007 1029
Let us pretend something else. Instead of going to the store to buy those new shoes, you decide to spend your money on lessons to learn how to repair your shoes. You now have the knowledge to make your old shoes look new. You never have to buy shoes again! Your neighbors are jealous because you now know how to repair shoes. They want you to repair their shoes for them. Now you can charge your neighbors money for your services. Before you know it, you own your own business repairing shoes!	1085 1140 1199 1256 1314 1373 1426 1485 1525
Your neighbors are happier. They are saving money because they get to keep their favorite pair of shoes instead of always buying new ones. You are happier because your neighbors are always giving you money to fix their shoes.	1584 1641 1694 1752
Now you can afford to buy those new shoes that you always wanted! The sad thing is that you have fixed so many shoes that now you hate to look at shoes. The only thing that makes you happy anymore is bare feet! So, can money make you happy?	1810 1869 1927 1986 1992