

## Spending the Inheritance

~Mary Maxwell, Posted April 16, 2012



From Sandra in Ft. Worth comes this query: “Dear Mary, I recently inherited a little bit of money when my sister passed away. I would like to use it to upgrade our kitchen, which hasn’t seen a new appliance since Ford was in office. My husband wants to go on a vacation. He keeps telling me it could be our last vacation, but he’s always been a little dramatic. Will you be a tie-breaker on this one?”

Wow. Your husband says this might be your last vacation? That sounds a little sinister. I’d be nervous about getting in a car with him. I’m just saying. Seriously, I don’t know what a little bit of money is, but if it’s enough to upgrade a kitchen that hasn’t changed in more than 34 years, I’m guessing it’s several thousand dollars. So you know what? You can do both. Get that granite and stainless steel upgrade going tomorrow, then take a vacation. Although, I have to tell you. I was just in Ft. Worth and I don’t know why anyone would want to go somewhere else to have fun; they were swimming in their outdoor pools in October. If you don’t want to spend a lot of money on a vacation, I might suggest that you travel to Omaha, where I live. We have air conditioning in the summer and heat in the winter, we have a world class zoo, and we have so many good restaurants that we feel it is our civic duty to go out to dinner 3 times a week. We’d love to have you and it would be a lot cheaper than say Marco Island, and not as humid. Thanks for writing, Sandra.

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