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The Necklace

The short story, “The Necklace”, is considered as an amazing piece of work by Guy de Maupassant, having full name Henry-René-Albert-Guy de Maupassant, a well-known French short writer, and novelist. “The Necklace”, is considered as one of the most celebrated stories by him. The tale is very famous throughout the world for teaching several lessons to its readers.

Another lesson learned from the story is "Be happy with what you have". Mathilde was very unhappy with her life. Throughout the story, she was unsatisfied with her life. She defines herself as a lady who allowed herself to marry just a clerk. Not only this, at various points in the story she states her dissatisfaction. It can be understood from the fact about her, “She suffered from the poorness of her house, from its mean walls, worn chairs, and ugly curtains. (*The\_diamond\_necklace.Pdf*)" Only things she loved was the material wealth, clothes, jewels, etc. the outcome of her desires for what she can’t afford was miserable and it took a decade to repay the debt of 500 franc necklace. At the end of the story she is aged and even her husband fails to recognize her. Therefore, it is very good to accept one has and find happiness in it.

A few lessons were learned from the story, one of them is that extreme personal vanity can be very dangerous. Mathilde got very obsessed with the party and though she should look very pretty and amazing. She wanted to impress others with her beauty enhancing it with pretty dress and necklace. All she was focused on a good pretty dress and jewels that could make her look outstanding and in all of this she forgot to think about the risk of losing the necklace and using her husband’s saving on her dress. Later she realized, “How little is needed to ruin or to save! (*The\_diamond\_necklace.Pdf*)” She took a step to borrow the necklace and her personal vanity also did not allow her to share the incident with her friend. At last, when she told her friend she found that she has been paying for not telling the truth to her friend. The loss of the necklace bought her and husband down to earth.

The last lesson learned from the story is that one should always be true to themselves. Madam Loisel remains in her fantasies and she doesn't accept what she is. She used to think that she is better than what she actually is and therefore she deserves something better than she already has. She was getting conscious and uneasy regarding the party even after she got the dress. When her husband asks her, she tells that the problem is she is not having any jewels to wear. According to her, without jewels she would be nothing, "I shall look absolutely no one. I would almost rather not go to the party” (*The\_diamond\_necklace.Pdf*)”.She went to her friend and her friend saying, "What's mine is yours", gives her a necklace ("The Necklace" By Guy De Maupassant). If she would have accepted what she had without thinking of jewels and stones she should not lose her beauty and savings of whole life. This would not happen if she had been grateful for the dress she had. Mathilde acts like she is a princess and her delusions proved very disastrous for her.

To conclude the story shares several moral lessons. Another lesson that can be learned from the story is that people are not exactly what they pretend to be. Like Mathilde who pretended to be rich and a true friend, was opposite to that. One must not be greedy and thankful to what one is having rather than thinking of going beyond limits and suffering from that later.

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