



Gift of the Magi Vocabulary

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1. imputation	attributing fault to another
2. parsimony	frugality, stinginess
3. instigates	urges on; stirs up
4. subsiding	a gradual sinking to a lower level
5. beggar	(v) make inadequate
6. mendicancy	begging
7. depreciate	to decrease in value
8. cascade	waterfall
9. ransacking	searching thoroughly
10. fob	ribbon or chain attached to a pocket watch
11. chaste	pure in style; not excessively ornamented; simple
12. meretricious	attractive in a cheap, flashy way
13. prudence	wisdom, caution, or restraint
14. ravages	ruins
15. patent	evident or obvious
16. discreet	careful
17. scrutiny	close examination
18. assertion	a declaration or statement
19. ecstatic	extremely happy
20. ardent	very enthusiastic, impassioned
