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*The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail*

“I’m really very wealthy, I just don’t have any money. That’s all.” –Henry Williams

 The meaning of this quotation is that Henry has wealth, It’s just a different kind of wealth. The type of wealth that Henry has is being happy with himself and that money cannot buy happiness. Just because you have a big house with nice cars doesn’t mean you are happy. Family, to me, makes me wealthy and they are the ones that make me happy. Wealth does not compare to being happy.

 This quote represents courage because he takes the positive side of everything. Henry went through life with not much to have or live for. He lived in a cabin for three years with not many friends or family. However he was very courageous in different aspects of his life. Living in a cabin made him a stronger self. It gave him courage.

 I can relate to this quote because I feel I am very wealthy because I have a great life. I’m very happy with what is going on and what is happening. Just like Henry though, wealth doesn’t mean I have a lot of money it means I am happy with myself and my life. My family and my friends are great and I consider myself very wealthy because they make me happy.