

The Millionaire

The Millionaire TV show was a 30 minute drama series on CBS about an ultra-rich benefactor who has his private secretary present total strangers with \$1 Million tax free! The lucky recipients were not allowed to tell anyone (except their spouse) how they got the money, how much they got or from where it came. If they violated that oath, they would have to return the money. It was exciting to see how the instant wealth changed the person's life.

The face of the ultra-rich benefactor, "John Beresford Tipton" was never seen during the entire series! Each episode began with Mr. Tipton sitting in the den of his mansion handling pieces of a chess set. He would call for Michael Anthony and hand him the name of that week's lucky new millionaire! All the audience ever saw of Tipton was the back of his head or his hand as he passed the name to Anthony.

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