

## **Money and Love**

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Marriage requires responsibility to live together. People who get married have to remember many important things, such as how to support their family, how to raise their children, and how to keep their love alive. They should also come to an agreement about things like money, and not let it end their love.

My experience with marriage was bad. We, my wife and I, got married seventeen years ago when we lived in Russia. We had twin daughters. We had a good time. We were so happy. We loved each other so much. Our children made us very happy.

But our life together changed when we arrived in the United States. I didn't understand English so I couldn't find a job. My wife, however, who had known English for many years, even back in Moscow, found a job.

As a result, our roles changed and now we live apart.

Here in America, the word *family* has another meaning. I still love my family. However, this love was not enough to keep our marriage and our family together.

Over the years, I have learned that love remains only if the wife and the husband help and understand each other. I have also learned that money is important and can change love in the end.

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