

2007 TCF Dollar Storeys
Translation for **Well Behaved Women**, by Alexander Soleev

Author: All women buy things, which they don't really need. Why are they doing this?

[Sound of a metal bike jingle bell.]

Author: At the age of 38, because they want to feel happy.

Woman#1: *You feel its yours... If I get up in the morning with the thought that this thing is waiting for me, that it cried, it missed me, I dreamt about it... I'll go and find the money. I'll lend some money, because I've got friends. I'll buy this thing and I'll hide it and after I'll look at it secretly when my husband is away and I'll understand that is happiness.*

You must listen to yourself and make small presents for your soul, if you really want it, you must do it. How much joy do we have in life? Well,... I can wash the dishes twice, well, yes... I'll work for it,...I can make tasty hamburgers for him, I'm a good girl...

[Sound of a mousetrap.]

Author: At the age of 22, for the same reason.

Woman#2: *That day I bought three vases. During the months when I've got those vases I was given many flowers... I haven't had so many flowers during the whole 22 years of my life. And the most interesting thing in that when I bought them in the mall I had very few money for my life. And I understood... well... I don't... I understood that when you buy something, afterward something changes in your life. It was a strange case... As my Mom said, everything will be as you wish it to be. And it was how I wanted it. We go to some shop, we see something... I'll spend the money, after I'll regret about it... I'll be short of money... But we understand that in this very moment happiness comes.*

Author: At the age of 6, for the same purpose too.

[Sound of a feisty mug.]

Woman #3: *Once we came to a shop. And I saw the most amazing hair tie, and the hair tie was a real miracle, very beautiful... There were different Alice bands, well... different things... And I was tired of walking around the shop... and I wanted the hair tie... They haven't bought any hair ties for me for a long time. So that... But my Mom was looking for boots for my Dad, and she didn't buy the hair tie for me.*

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Author: One well behaved woman bought in the shop free useless things, because she wanted 99 stories about them.