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“The Best Marriage I Know”

Only so many marriages work out. Those that do are successful marriages, and last for a fairly long time. Those that don't usually result in arguments... then fighting... then a divorce. It takes many things to complete a good relationship, and ultimately marriage. Key components to the perfect marriage are compromise, being faithful, trust, patience, and responsibility. The two people I know that meet these requirements are my parents. My parents haven't argued for many years, simply because they know how to talk things out.

My dad tells me that everyday it's a blessing to come home to his better half. He tells me that when two people love each other, they seem to argue for reasons unknown even to them. Since they've met, they have learned to accept each other's differences and focus on what they have in common. My dad is a funeral director, and he tells me how frequently he notices family members who are heart-broken and distraught not only due to the death of their loved one, but the fact that their last moment with this person did not go as planned. My mom says it's important to always tell someone you love them no matter what the situation is because you never know when you may never see him or her again.

As far as making a marriage work, it's not hard at all. You must put God first. My mom and dad got married for the right reasons. First of all, they loved each other very much and knew they wanted to spend the rest of their lives together. Being faithful and trusting are key parts to making a marriage work. Some people get married for the wrong reasons, such as being pushed into it or just for money. If

a person wants a good marriage, they must respect one another. In a good marriage, people are willing to admit they are wrong. Also, they must be able to forgive each other and have respect for their boundaries and privacy.

To me communication takes a big part of what love is all about. If you love someone, you should be able to talk to that person with an open mind and consider their opinions. My parents tell me that there is really no good relationship with a person where you don't spend time with one another. Also, when you are married to someone, you should be able to tell them anything. My parents are never afraid to express their true feelings. They tell each other their fears and dislikes with no hesitation.

I think my parents' marriage could be described as the best one I know because I can tell that they really care for each other. When they made a promise to love each other forever, they meant it. They both have all the qualities of a wonderful person to be with and with these qualities they've been married for almost 10 years. They inspire me.