

The Best Marriage I Know

What? A perfect marriage? I did not think that was possible, especially since all you see on television are divorces, separations, and more divorces. I decided to look at some of the marriages around me and I found many good couples, but I found one truly perfect marriage in my own home.

My parents are two of the best people I know, not to mention that they have THE best marriage I know of. They have been together for almost 17 years, and they still never cease to amaze me with how compatible they are. They talk about everything. They have an open and honest relationship. Whenever they have a problem or concern, they set aside time at the end of the day to discuss it. They make time twice a month to go to dinner or to a movie. They love to talk and spend time together.

Kindness, honesty, love, and laughter describe my parent's marriage. They are always kind to each other. They always tell each other the whole truth and nothing but the truth no matter how ugly or horrible it might be. They don't rely on words, but always show their love to each other. When they are together, they light up any room. They could fill up the Staples Center with all their laughter. They laugh over the stupidest things sometimes. I have grown to believe that whenever they are together they can turn each other's frowns upside down. They really bring out the best in each other. I love the fact that as long as they are together, they will always have a great day.

My parents have a great marriage and I have learned from them that when you are in a relationship that you should always be honest. Both my parents had a temper when they got together but learned how to control that throughout the years. They came up with a 5-minute method to deal with any issue. They walk away for 5 minutes and then they sit down and discuss what they were arguing about. It has proved to be a very effective form of problem solving. I have also learned how to treat people you love. I used to be a very selfish person and only think of myself, but when you are in a relationship, there are two people you have to think about. I have learned how you have to act when

you really care about someone. I realized that my parents do not think about themselves, but suddenly they only think of the other person that their actions involve.

Although there is no perfect marriage, many people are close. Two of those people are my parents. Sure, they have problems but they love each other and I am sure they would die for one another. Until a few weeks ago I had never thought anything about my parents' marriage. Now, I am glad I did because I have a new appreciation for them and how hard maintaining a relationship is. I have learned a lot about truth, love, and what it truly means to be a healthy couple.