

### “The Best Marriage I Know”

The Best marriage I know is the marriage I know is the marriage of Pat and Stanley Bryant, my parents. I think their marriage is the best because they have been married for twenty-four years. In those twenty-four years they had things that they had to compromise to prevent arguing (which probably still happens some). But, I am sure that they did not want to argue at all. They had to communicate a lot to know what was going on with each other. But, also to know where each other were. By understanding each other they could do things without having to question each other. They are also committed to their marriage.

I have learned from them that being married is not always easy. There were a lot of compromises that were made. In a marriage, you can't only think about yourself, you need to be considerate of your spouse.

Communication is another important role in marriage. Couples need to talk about every day events, hopes, dreams, feelings, and disappointments. Communication is probably one of the most difficult things to do, but it is something that is vitally important in a marriage. If you don't communicate your feelings, your spouse will not know or understand why you are upset about things. My parents always try to talk about their day to day lives and discuss problems and issues that arise.

I have learned that understanding and patience is also a key to a happy marriage. Couples need lots of patience because you will get on each other's nerves just like brothers and sisters. Men and women think differently, and deal with problems differently. Couples need to be understanding of each other's actions and feelings. Also, they need to be patient with one another. Everyone deals with things at their own pace.

With all this being said, commitment is probably one of the most important keys in a marriage. If both spouses are committed to their relationship, they are going to be willing to work on the areas in their marriage that are weak. I

think that a lot of marriages today lack commitment. That is why we have more broken homes today than when my parents grew up.

What makes my parents marriage great is that I know that they are committed to their marriage, even though they may get upset with each other sometimes. They talk and try to understand each other. Sometimes that is hard to do. They may have to compromise on some issues. It's not a perfect marriage, but I think it is a good one that will last the rest of their lives.