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“Best Marriage I Know”

My name is Asutosh Priteshkumar Patel. My father’s name is Priteshkumar Patel. My mother’s name is Ulupi Priteshkumar Patel and my sister’s name is Niyatiben Priteshkumar Patel. I am studying in the 8th grade in Nichols-Lawson Middle School, Sylacauga Alabama—35150.

“Marriage” the word denotes the true meaning of love, affection, caring for each other, understanding the feelings of each other, readiness and willingness to compromise and sacrifice one’s own feelings for the interest of one’s own life partner.

All above mentioned ingredients I find in my parents’ lives. My parents got married on 12-13-1992. My parents have two lovely kids, one is of course me and the other is my lovely little sister, Niyatiben Priteshkumar Patel. My parents are still young to celebrate the silver jubilee of their marriage, but I am fully confident that by the grace of God, we will definitely celebrate all jubilees of their marriage together.

Their life makes me understand the true meaning of marriage: My parents love each other very much. They never get angry at each other because they personally believe that anger is not a solution of any problem, but the anger can create and increase the problems from the problem.

My parents believe that all the family members should take dinner together, if possible. It will increase and fasten the bond of family members and keep the family together and united.

To help each other is one of the main ingredients of marriage. My father always helps my mother in all the work, and the same way my mother helps my father. My father, if possible, always tries to help my mother in the kitchen. My mother always prefers to make Gujarati, Punjabi (Indian food) because I, my sister and my father like that food very much. But as my mother likes South Indian food very much, my father always requests my mother to make some good South Indian dishes and food.

One other example will give you the clear picture of sacrifice of one's own personal wishes, interest and hobbies. As we have recently come from India in June 2007, and my parents have a new job in our house—we only have one TV set. My mother likes to see the Indian movies on the TV very much, and my father likes to see the sports channel very much. If my father watches the sports channel on the TV, my mother never discloses her desire to watch the movie channel, and the same way if my mother is watching the movie channel, my father never discloses his desire to watch the sports channel. But when my mother notices the presence of my father, she always and immediately changes the channel to sports. My father immediately changes the sports channel to the movie channel and tells my mother “let's enjoy the movie today together,” but as my mother knows and understands my father very much, she immediately tells my father that she has to cook some food or she has to iron the clothes, or she has to finish the work first, and she engages herself in the work.

These little examples focus the light on one big thing that one should always be prepared to compromise and sacrifice one's own personal wishes, interests and hobbies for the happiness and joys of one's own beloved one.

My parents always believe that one should not have the bad habits of consuming alcohol, tobacco and smoking because these bad habits make the good and intelligent human a slave, and these bad habits spoil and destroy the families as well as the health of the family members. These addictions make the thinking capacity of humans very poor. These bad habits enter in the life of a person very slowly, then it makes a person its slave, and it grabs the human in such a way that the intelligent and good person loses his capacity to think and turns into bad and evil and loses respect in the society. So they always remain

away from these bad habits because they personally believe that these additions are a sign of a weak mind, and one should not have a weak mind.

My parents always prefer to go shopping together. My mother always buys the things for my father, and the same way my father buys the things for my mother because they know each other's likes and dislikes very much.

If something disturbed my father, my mother always supports my father and she increases the confidence of my father. If the same thing happened to my mother, my father always supports and backs my mother.

My parents believe that by giving birth to the child, the responsibilities and liabilities of the parents cannot be understood as finished and concluded, but the responsibilities start and increase. They collectively help me and my sister in studying. They always make me and my sister learn and understand good things. They always teach us what is good and what is bad! What is right and what is bad! They always tell us your actions, conduct and behavior should be so good that it should increase the reputation of yourself, your family and your country.

My mother likes the flowers very much, so my father has developed a new hobby of gardening, and he has grown different flowers, plants, roses and beautiful lawn in the garden area of our house.

If my mother feels sick, my father is always there to take care of her, and the same way my mother takes care of my father.

My mother and father are just like real friends, they respect each other very much because they personally believe that marriage is like a cart with two wheels: if the two wheels do not work in accordance to each other, the cart will not move and go ahead.

These all good things have made my parents' marriage the "BEST MARRIAGE I KNOW." What I learned from my parents' life is that marriage is not physical attraction of two persons, but it is the meeting of two souls. The true meaning of marriage is love, affection, caring for each other, readiness and

willingness to compromise and sacrifice one's own feelings, interests, needs and hobbies for the happiness of one's own life partner. The joy should be in giving and should not be in taking. There should be 100% honesty and loyalty in the relation to each other, and there should not be any place for anger, betrayal and selfishness in the relationship.

At last, I pray to the Almighty God who always takes care of my family and blesses every soul in the universe.

