

What My Uncle Told Me about Marriage

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In today's society, many couples are getting divorced. Divorce is a word that frequently pops into a person's mind when he or she is having an argument with his or her spouse.

There are some basic components to a healthy marriage. A person shouldn't get married just because the other person is nice looking. He must be attracted to the other person in some other ways, some of which are the other person's values and attitudes about life. He must respect and be respected by that person. I remember my aunt telling me that marriage is one of the most important milestones in a person's life and that I should wait until I find the right person.

Before we marry somebody, we already know much about how that person behaves. If you take this into serious consideration, then there is less chance that you will need to be divorced. My uncle has been married for fifteen years. Although he occasionally has problems with his wife, he has never thought about getting a divorce. I once asked him why not, and he said that he already knew what she was like before they got married and that he had accepted her as she was. I realized that my uncle taught me something new about life. He taught me that if I like the person for who he is before I marry him, then I shouldn't become critical of him just because I've become his wife.

I believe that problems between a couple can be solved if each one puts himself in the other person's shoes. Three years ago, my cousin and his girlfriend

were having an argument. My cousin was extremely angry and wanted to end the relationship. I knew that he still liked her so I told him that first he should have allowed his girlfriend to explain to him what had happened before he screamed at her. Then, after she explained her point of view, he should have put himself in her shoes and seen what he would have done.

Perhaps my cousin took my advice because he and his girlfriend got married three months ago!

There are many ways to solve marital problems before one considers getting a divorce. A person should know beforehand who he is marrying and should respect his partner after he gets married as much as he did before. Then a marriage can be a long-lasting and fulfilling relationship.

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