

A Marriage Minute

A simple help to make your marriage just a little better this week.



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This formula is the key to success in business as well as in marriage. I can't tell you how often I felt like quitting when things got rough between Penny and myself. It seemed like things would never change. Whenever we started talking about real issues things would seem to get worse instead of better. "Why bother?" was the prevailing thought. But divorce wasn't an option. We had closed that back door in our minds. There was no way out. First, we had to commit to the goal of restoration. Then we had to submit to doing whatever it would take to make it happen. Then we had to persevere working through the issues, trying to communicate, getting angry, asking forgiveness, then doing it all over again. It was tough. But we didn't give up. We didn't cop out. We didn't divorce. By our choice and God's power we persevered, and God brought us through. Hallelujah! That's one trip I never want to go on again. But what we have now is so worth the price. It's great! But we never would have seen it had we quit. Thank God we didn't. Persevere. Commit, submit and don't quit. It works!

Prayer for both of us: Lord, help us to put this formula for success to work. Help us to commit, submit and not quit until we see the fulfillment of your promises, and your glory.

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