

ABSTRACT

Every couple who is getting married or married will want a marriage that lasts forever and has a happy family. There are also marriages that must end in divorce. Until now there have been many phenomena of single parents caused by the higher number of divorces each year. Communication is very important for married couples. Because marriage not only unites two people but there is a big responsibility for the husband and wife. Research related to patterns of interpersonal communication of elderly couples is important to know how to maintain marriage forever and have a happy family. This study uses the theory of interpersonal communication and is more focused on various kinds of communication patterns formed by elderly couples (characteristics of interpersonal communication), verbal and non-verbal symbols formed. The method used in this study is descriptive qualitative with a case study strategy.

The results of this study through a study of patterns of interpersonal communication indicate that married couples who have lived for many years have a pattern of communication that is not much different from other partners. Meanwhile, for verbal and non-verbal messages also have diversity that arises from each partner, and has each way to survive in the household for decades.

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