

There are no other friends with whom we've maintained as close and intimate a relationship as we have with Gary and Anne Marie Ezzo. Way back in the 80's, when they began inviting us to tag along with them to seminars and speaking engagements, we not only saw an impeccable biblical standard in their own lives, but were challenged to the same. In our early years of ministry together, Gary and Anne Marie saw in us what no one else did. They believed in us when few others did. They saw us not for what we were, but for what God had designed us to become and walked many miles beside us, mentoring us along the way. They picked us up when we were down, celebrated with us when we were up, always encouraging us never to lose heart in well-doing. And the harvest did come. There were few higher points in our lives than when Gary performed the wedding ceremony of our two oldest daughters who had grown into lovely women of God through the principles taught in the Ezzo's material. Nikki and Andrea, each now married over a decade, are raising 7 beautiful children that make God really big to the rest of the world.

17 years later and many ministry and social miles, we've been able to walk along side them to see them through some challenges as well. Even so, their mentoring of us continued. We have now seen how a true Christian character looks among trials of many kinds. Through the slander and lies, they kept quiet when they could have protested. They aptly spoke when it might have been easier, but cowardly, to say nothing. They turned their cheek when they could have retaliated; praised God when they could have become bitter; stood firm when they could have caved in; and persevered in humility when they could have given up in rage. Any one of us would have. But Gary and Anne Marie have always known that it has never been about them, their ministry, their reputation, or their comfort. It has always been about winning the world to Christ, one family at a time.

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