

PRE-MARRIAGE QUESTIONNAIRE



A Guide for Couples and their Counselor

Pre-Marriage Questionnaire

I. ARE WE QUALIFIED TO MARRY?

A. Are we on the same level spiritually (II Corinthians 6:14-16)? _____

1. Born again? No ____ Yes ____ How long? _____

2. Baptized in the Spirit No ____ Yes ____ When? _____

3. Baptized in water? No ____ Yes ____ When? _____

4. Living a life committed to Christ and the service of others? No ____ Yes ____

5. Committed to a local church? No ____ Yes ____ Where? _____

B. Give three reasons why you want to marry: _____

C. Are we qualified to get married? Do we have a past marriage relationship that is not biblically resolved? _____

1. Any children from a past relationship? No ____ Yes ____

2. Is there a past marriage and divorce? No ____ Yes ____

3. If yes, was the divorce biblical? No ____ Yes ____ Unsure ____

4. If yes, am I biblically free to marry? No ____ Yes ____ Unsure ____

Explain your situation: _____

D. How do my parents and spiritual leaders honestly feel about our relationship and potential marriage? Check all that apply.

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| Mother | Father | Pastor / Elder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eager for it | <input type="checkbox"/> Eager for it | <input type="checkbox"/> Eager for it |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved about it | <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved about it | <input type="checkbox"/> Reserved about it |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Against it | <input type="checkbox"/> Against it | <input type="checkbox"/> Against it |

If any authorities have reservations about the relationship, what are their concerns? _____

E. Is it God's will for us to marry? (Comment on answers)

1. Do I have the gift of singleness? (I Corinthians 7:1-9, 17-40)

No ____ Yes ____ _____

2. Do we have the same long-term goals? (Amos 3:3)? _____

3. Does God have an active part in our relationship? _____

4. Have I prayed **sincerely** about this relationship? No ____ Yes ____

What has God said? _____

5. Would marriage hinder or help your usefulness to the Lord and fulfillment of His word? Help ____ Hinder ____ In what way? _____

II. ARE WE MATURE ENOUGH TO MARRY?

A. Have we been able to solve problems biblically? No ____ Yes ____

1. What problems or disagreements have you had during your courtship? ____

2. How did you resolve them? _____

3. Do you feel that they are completely settled now? _____

4. Do you feel that either of you ever uses wrong means to get your own way?
No ____ Yes ____

a. Is one a bully? No ____ Yes ____ Which one? _____

b. Does one manipulate? No ____ Yes ____ Which one? _____

c. Does one avoid facing problems? No ____ Yes ____
Which one? _____

d. Do you let things slide until forgotten? No ____ Yes ____

e. Do you store up resentments? No ____ Yes ____

f. Does one of you sulk? No ____ Yes ____ Which one? _____

g. Does one blameshift or make excuses? No ____ Yes ____
Which one? _____

5. Do you use biblical skills to solve problems?

a. Do you bring things up and talk them through? No ____ Yes ____

b. Do you find it easy to express your true feelings to your partner?
No ____ Yes ____

c. Do you go to Christ for help? No ____ Yes ____

d. Do you ask forgiveness for your failures? No ____ Yes ____

e. Do you offer forgiveness to the other? No ____ Yes ____

f. Do you pray together? No ____ Yes ____

g. Do you keep lines of communication open? No ____ Yes ____

B. Have we experienced maturity in our relationship? No ____ Yes ____

1. Does either manifest patterns of sin in their life? No ____ Yes ____
2. Is either tempting the other sexually? No ____ Yes ____
Which one? _____
3. Is either critical toward the other in a verbal or physical way?
No ____ Yes ____ Which one? _____
4. Do I lie to the other in this relationship? Never ____ Occasionally ____
Often ____
5. Does either spend money impulsively? No ____ Yes ____
Which one? _____
6. Do we have a good relationship with our parents? Comment _____

7. Do I have any extreme fears? No ____ Yes ____ Comment _____

8. Do you detect strong feelings of jealousy in your partner? No ____ Yes ____
Is it a problem for you? _____

III. ARE WE WILLING AND READY TO “LEAVE” OTHER ATTACHMENTS?

- A. Are we willing to emotionally break with our parents? No ____ Yes ____
- B. Are we able to financially break from our parents? No ____ Yes ____
- C. Are we willing to put the relationship before all other possessions?
No ____ Yes ____ Comment: _____

- D. Are we willing to give up the right to make independent decisions?
No ____ Yes ____ Comment: _____
- E. Are we willing to adjust our relationship to other singles of the opposite sex?
No ____ Yes ____

IV. ARE WE READY TO “CLEAVE” TO EACH OTHER?

- A. Are we willing to become accountable to the other? No ____ Yes ____

B. Are our lives going in the same direction?

1. What are my career goals? _____

2. What are my ministry goals? _____

3. What are the ministry goals of my desired spouse? _____

C. What basic lifestyle are we expecting? Summarize in a brief paragraph.

1. What income level? _____

2. What work hours? _____

3. What television habits? _____

4. What types of entertainment? _____

5. What types of recreation? _____

6. What kind of church life / commitment? _____

7. What church do we plan to attend? _____

D. Do we agree philosophically?

1. Do we have any theological differences? No ____ Yes ____ If no, in what areas?

2. Do we agree on male / female roles in the home? No ____ Yes ____ Comment:

3. Do we both plan on working outside the home? No ____ Yes ____ Comment:

4. What will be our financial priorities? _____

5. Do we want to have children? No ____ Yes ____ How many? _____

6. What are your views on contraceptives and which partner should use them?

7. Do we agree on styles of child discipline? No ____ Yes ____ Comment:

8. What is our attitude toward credit buying? _____

9. How do we envision our relationship to relatives? _____

10. Are there any factors that might make the relationship difficult? _____

V. ARE WE READY TO ACCEPT EACH OTHER JUST AS WE ARE?

QUALITY	MY POTENTIAL SPOUSE			ME		
	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely
1. Strong Christian character						
2. Fully trustworthy						
3. Brings out best in others						
4. A servant spirit						
5. A hard worker						
6. Self-sacrificing for others						
7. Financially responsible						
8. Plans ahead						
9. Good self-image						
10. Generous						
11. Courteous to others						
12. Builds others up						
13. Fun to be around						
14. Generally optimistic						
15. Complimentary						
16. Easy to talk to						
17. Faithful on the job						
18. Respectful of authority						
19. Not angry quickly						
20. Calm under pressure						

A. If my potential spouse never changed, am I willing to accept them as they presently are? No ____ Yes ____ Comment: _____

B. Am I confident that this is the **right time** for us to be contemplating marriage? No ____ Yes ____ Anticipated wedding date? _____.