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.

Mother  Father  Pastor / Elder
☐ Eager for it  ☐ Eager for it  ☐ Eager for it
☐ Reserved about it  ☐ Reserved about it  ☐ Reserved about it
☐ Against it  ☐ Against it  ☐ Against it

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

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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? __________________________
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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? __________________________
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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? ____________________________
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2. How did you resolve them? ____________________________
   ____________________________

3. Do you feel that they are completely settled now? ____________________________
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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 ____________
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7. Do I have any extreme fears? No ____ Yes ____ Comment ____________
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8. Do you detect strong feelings of jealousy in your partner? No ____ Yes ____
   Is it a problem for you? __________________________________________
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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.

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   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 ____ 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? -----------------------------------------------------------

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

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

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

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8. What is our attitude toward credit buying? ________________________________

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

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

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

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A. If my potential spouse never changed, am I willing to accept them as they presently are?  
No _____ Yes _____ Comment: ________________________________  
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B. Am I confident that this is the **right time** for us to be contemplating marriage?  
No _____ Yes _____ Anticipated wedding date? ____________________________.