

Life Ministries

Pre-marital Questions

Instructions:

- Answer the following questions separately without your fiancé's input
- Bring the answers with you to your pre-marital sessions

SECTION 1: GENERAL

1. How long have you known each other?
2. How long have you been engaged?
3. Name several reasons that led you to marry your mate.

4. What is the purpose of marriage?

5. What would you say makes a good marriage?

6. List three strengths and three weaknesses in your mate.

7. List three strengths and three weaknesses in yourself.

8. How much education have you had? Do you plan on continuing your education?

9. What are your goals or aims in life? (List 2 or 3) Have you discussed these with your mate?

SECTION 2: COMMUNICATION

1. Are there any areas of your life that you find difficult to openly discuss with your mate? If so, what?
2. Are there any secrets that you should ever keep from each other? Specify.
3. List five expectations you have of your future spouse. (work, clean house, be a friend, etc.) Have you communicated these?
4. How did your parents handle conflict? What was your response to your parents' method of handling their problems?
5. How do you usually handle conflict? What is your plan for handling conflict in your marriage?
6. What are some differences you have that could lead to conflict? (gender, background, personality, etc.)
7. What are possible circumstances that would cause conflict?
8. What would you consider as grounds for divorce?

SECTION 3: SOCIAL

1. Would you consider your mate to be your friend? Explain.
2. What are two activities (recreation, social, etc.) that you have in common?
3. Should each of you be permitted one night a week for your own interests? Explain.
4. How important are certain dates (anniversary, birthday, etc.) to you?
5. Do you dislike any of your mate's family or friends? If so, who?
6. Do you have mutual friends? If so, how often are you together?
7. Is there anything that makes you jealous of your mate?
8. Is there anything your mate spends time/energy with that makes you jealous?

SECTION 4: FAMILY AND HOME

1. Has divorce occurred in your family of origin?
2. Does your family approve of your choice of a mate? If not, what are their reservations?
3. Are you well acquainted with your mate's immediate family? Describe your relationship with them.
4. How much influence should in-laws have on your marriage?
5. How do you feel about having children? How many children would you like to have?
6. What is your belief regarding birth control? What is your belief regarding abortion? (Check one or more)
 - Should be the decision of the woman
 - Totally opposed under any circumstances
 - Opposed unless it is necessary to save life of the mother
 - Opposed except in cases of rape
 - Opposed unless child has severe handicap
 - Other _____
7. What would you say makes a good parent?
8. How do you think children should be disciplined?
9. What does it mean for the husband to be the head of the home? For a wife to submit?

SECTION 5: SPIRITUAL

1. Do you have a relationship with God, having received Christ as your own Savior? Explain.
2. Are your parents Christians? Explain.
3. Are you certain that your mate is a Christian? Explain.
4. How do you foster your relationship with God?
5. How do you plan to continue to foster your relationship with God in marriage?
6. What is LOVE from a Biblical view?
7. What is the greatest thing God has ever done for you?
8. How do you think God looks at you right now?
9. What would you like to see God do in marriage?

SECTION 6: FINANCES

1. What was the financial situation in your family of origin? How were finances handled?
2. Have you and your mate agreed on how much you will need to operate your household? Explain.
3. What do you feel is the scriptural approach to handling money?
4. What is the difference between a need and a want? Give examples.
5. Who is going to handle the money and the payment of bills?
6. What is your opinion of buying on credit?
7. Should you or your mate be allowed to have money for personal expenses? For what items?
8. Have you planned any kind of budget? Will? Insurance program? If so, what does it look like?

SECTION 7: SEXUAL

1. What books have you read or audio listened to on the subject of sex in marriage?
2. Rate your knowledge of sexual and physical relations: (circle one)
Excellent Good Fair
Explain your answer.
3. On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being least important, 10 being the most important, how important is sex in marriage? Explain.
4. What do you believe is God's view of sex?
5. Does your mate know your past sexual experience? How do they feel about it?
6. Do you think your mate is sexually adjusted and ready for marriage? List two reasons for your answer.
7. Do you think you are sexually adjusted and ready for marriage? List two reasons for your answer.
8. Are there any things sexually that make your embarrassed or inhibited?
9. In your opinion, what should be the limitations to a physical relationship before marriage? Give specifics.