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## MARRIAGE PREPARATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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This questionnaire is designed to help identify strengths and weaknesses in your relationship. Answer each question openly and honestly to the best of your knowledge. Please do not discuss your answers with each other until after you have finished the questionnaire and given photocopies of both to your premarital counselors. Your pastor and premarital counselors are the only people who will read your responses.

### YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS AT THE JOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
EDUCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ (Last year completed)  
SIBLINGS? (Gender and Age) \_\_\_\_\_  
MARITAL STATUS:  NEVER BEEN MARRIED  WIDOWED  DIVORCED (Date: \_\_\_\_\_)  
HEALTH PROBLEMS: \_\_\_\_\_

### YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

#### *FATHER*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LIVING (If not, date of death)? \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_ EDUCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ (Last year completed)  
MARITAL STATUS:  MARRIED (\_\_\_\_ Yrs)  WIDOWED (Date: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 DIVORCED (Date: \_\_\_\_\_)  
CHRISTIAN: \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_  
HEREDITARY HEALTH PROBLEMS: \_\_\_\_\_

#### *MOTHER*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LIVING (If not, date of death)? \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_ EDUCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ (Last year completed)  
MARITAL STATUS:  MARRIED (\_\_\_\_ Yrs)  WIDOWED (Date: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 DIVORCED (Date: \_\_\_\_\_)  
CHRISTIAN: \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_  
HEREDITARY HEALTH PROBLEMS: \_\_\_\_\_

1. IS THERE ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR PARENT'S MARRIAGE THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW? ANY MAJOR MARITAL CRISIS?
  
2. LIST THE STRENGTHS OF YOUR PARENT'S MARRIAGE

### **YOUR RELATIONSHIP**

1. HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN YOUR FIANCÉ(E)? \_\_\_\_\_ WHEN DID YOU BECOME CONVINCED THAT YOU WANTED TO BE MARRIED?
  
2. INDICATE YOUR PARENTS' ATTITUDE TOWARD YOUR FIANCÉ(E): \_\_\_ TOTAL ACCEPTANCE \_\_\_ ACCEPTANCE WITH RESERVATIONS \_\_\_ DISAPPROVAL (WHAT WERE THE RESERVATIONS IF ANY?)
  
3. HOW DO YOU PERCEIVE YOUR PROSPECTIVE IN-LAWS ATTITUDE TOWARD YOU: \_\_\_ TOTAL ACCEPTANCE \_\_\_ ACCEPTANCE WITH RESERVATIONS \_\_\_ DISAPPROVAL (WHAT WERE THE RESERVATIONS IF ANY?)
  
4. HAVE ANY OF YOUR FRIENDS STATED ANY RESERVATIONS, CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR ENGAGEMENT TO YOUR FIANCÉ(E)? WHAT WERE THEY?
  
5. IS THE TIME YOU SPEND WITH YOUR OTHER CLOSE FRIENDS USUALLY WITH \_\_\_\_\_ OR WITHOUT \_\_\_ YOUR FIANCÉ(E) ALSO PRESENT?
  
6. WHAT ARE THE RELATIONAL STRENGTHS YOU BRING TO THE MARRIAGE?

7. WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER TO BE YOUR WEAKNESSES AS A PROSPECTIVE HUSBAND OR WIFE?
  
8. WHICH AREAS DO YOU SEE THAT YOUR FIANCÉ(E) NEEDS TO GROW?
  
9. STATE HONESTLY ANY FEARS, CONCERNS, OR APPREHENSIONS YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR ANTICIPATED MARRIAGE.
  
10. TO BE ANSWERED BY THE WOMAN: DO YOU HAVE ANY RESERVATIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR FIANCÉ'S SPIRITUAL LIFE, HIS ABILITY TO LEAD YOU, CARE FOR YOU, PROVIDE FOR YOU? WHAT WOULD THEY BE?
  
11. TO BE ANSWERED BY THE MAN: DO YOU HAVE ANY RESERVATIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR FIANCÉE'S SPIRITUAL LIFE, HER ABILITY TO FOLLOW AND SUBMIT TO YOUR LEADERSHIP? WHAT WOULD THEY BE?
  
12. HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH THESE CONCERNS? IS ANYONE ELSE AWARE OF THESE CONCERNS?
  
13. WHAT ARE SOME ISSUES ABOUT WHICH THE TWO OF YOU HAVE DIFFERENT OPINIONS?

14. HOW DO YOU HANDLE THESE DIFFERENCES WITH YOUR FIANCÉ(E)?

15. WHAT WAS THE LAST CONFLICT THAT YOU HAD? HOW DID YOU RESOLVE IT?

**YOUR FAMILY**

1. HOW DO YOU THINK YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO YOUR PARENTS WILL CHANGE AFTER YOU ARE MARRIED?

2. HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU ANTICIPATE SPENDING WITH YOUR PARENTS AND YOUR IN-LAWS?

3. WHAT TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP DO YOU EXPECT TO HAVE WITH YOUR PARENTS AND YOUR IN-LAWS?

**YOUR FAITH (CARE GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_)**

1. DESCRIBE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. HOW OFTEN ARE YOU HAVING YOUR DEVOTIONS? WHAT ARE YOU CURRENTLY STUDYING?

2. WHO DO YOU GO TO FOR COUNSEL AND ACCOUNTABILITY? IS THERE ANY PART OF YOUR LIFE THAT THEY ARE NOT CURRENTLY AWARE OF?

3. WHAT DO YOU THINK IT WILL LOOK LIKE TO PURSUE FELLOWSHIP WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH OTHERS IN MARRIAGE?

4. HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH AFTER YOU ARE MARRIED?
  
5. WHAT DOES THE BIBLICAL PHRASE, "THE HUSBAND IS THE HEAD OF THE WIFE" MEAN TO YOU?
  
6. DESCRIBE YOUR CONVICTIONS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH.
  
7. HOW ARE YOU CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE CHURCH?

**YOUR FINANCES**

1. INDICATE YOUR RELATIVE INCLINATIONS TO SPEND MONEY IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: (Mark an "M" for the man and "W" for the woman at the appropriate spot.)

	LEAST LIKELY	MOST LIKELY
NEW CLOTHES	_____	_____
HOBBIES, RECREATION	_____	_____
AUTOMOBILE	_____	_____
BOOKS, MAGAZINES	_____	_____
ENTERTAINMENT (movies, concerts, etc)	_____	_____
HOME FURNISHINGS	_____	_____
GROCERIES	_____	_____
DATE NIGHTS	_____	_____
HOSPITALITIES	_____	_____
GIFTS FOR SPOUSE	_____	_____
GIFTS FOR OTHERS	_____	_____
VACATIONS	_____	_____

WHICH OF THESE AREAS WOULD YOU SAY YOUR FIANCÉ(E) MIGHT SPEND FRIVOLOUSLY?

IN WHICH AREAS DO YOU THINK YOUR FIANCÉ(E) MIGHT BE TOO FRUGAL?

2. HOW MUCH DEBT DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE?
  
3. WHAT IS YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS DEBT? USE OF CREDIT CARDS?
  
4. WHO WILL MANAGE YOUR FAMILY FINANCES?
  
5. DO YOU HAVE A TENTATIVE BUDGET? WHO ARE YOU GETTING INPUT FROM IN REGARDS TO FINANCES?
  
6. WILL THE WIFE BE EMPLOYED AFTER YOU ARE MARRIED? \_\_\_\_\_ IF SO, WHAT ARE THE REASONS: PRIMARILY FINANCIAL OR A COMMITMENT TO CAREER?

#### **YOUR FUTURE**

1. ARE YOU IN FAITH TO HAVE CHILDREN? DO YOU HAVE ANY RESERVATIONS ABOUT HAVING CHILDREN?
  
2. HOW SOON WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE CHILDREN? \_\_\_\_\_ HOW MANY? \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO HAVE YOUR OWN, WOULD YOU ADOPT A CHILD?
  
4. HOW WOULD YOUR DISCIPLINE OF YOUR CHILDREN DIFFER FROM THAT WHICH YOU RECEIVED?
  
5. WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER TO BE YOUR PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR SPOUSE'S GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT DURING THE YEARS OF YOUR MARRIAGE?

**(TO BE FILLED OUT BY THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY MARRIED)**

1. IF YOU ARE DIVORCED, WHO FILED FOR DIVORCE? WHAT WERE THE GROUNDS OF THE DIVORCE?
  
2. IS YOUR EX-SPOUSE REMARRIED? IF SO, WHEN?
  
3. SUMMARIZED THE PROBLEMS IN YOUR PREVIOUS MARRIAGE THAT LED TO YOUR DIVORCE.
  
4. WHAT PART OF THE ABOVE PROBLEMS WAS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY? WHAT STEPS HAVE YOU TAKEN TO RESOLVE THOSE ISSUES?
  
5. HAVE YOU SOUGHT THE FORGIVENESS FROM YOUR FORMER SPOUSE AND CHILDREN FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DIVORCE? HOW HAVE YOU DONE SO?
  
6. ON WHAT BIBLICAL GROUNDS DO YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE ABLE TO REMARRY?
  
7. ARE THERE ANY FEARS THAT YOU HAVE ENTERING INTO THIS MARRIAGE?
  
8. WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP DO YOU EXPECT YOUR NEW SPOUSE TO HAVE WITH YOU CHILDREN?

9. WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP DO YOU EXPECT TO HAVE WITH YOUR SPOUSE'S CHILDREN?

10. WILL YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL CHILDREN? WHEN? HOW MANY?