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Pre-Marital Questionnaire

Information:

Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Family History

Describe your parents in a brief summary:

Describe your family's religious beliefs:

Were your parents ever: Separated? Divorced? Widowed? If yes, how old were you at the time and describe how your parent's divorce, separation or death affected you:

Describe the positive and negative effects that your childhood had on you:

In what ways do you want to differ from your parents in their relationship to each other?

Who fulfilled the decision-making and leadership roles in your parents' home?

Did your parent(s) train you in spiritual matters?

Who managed the finances in your parents' home?

Was it effective?

Describe your relationship with your brothers and sisters during your childhood years if applicable:

Describe any major marital crises in your parents' marriage:

The conflict:

The reason for the conflict:

The resolution of the conflict:

Describe your feelings during this time:

Are your feelings different now?

Was there any chemical dependency, either drugs or alcohol, in your family (yourself, parents, brothers, or sisters) If yes, how has the problem affected you?

Describe how your parents feel about your approaching marriage:

Describe your parents' opinions toward your fiancé:

Describe how your fiancé's parents feel about your approaching marriage:

Dating / Relationship History

How did you meet your fiancé?

How were you attracted to your fiancé?

How long have you known your fiancé?

How long have you been courting?

Have you ever been engaged before? If yes, please explain:

Describe why you feel that you will have a successful marriage:

What role does love play in your relationship?

Define love:

How good are you at verbalizing your love to your fiancé?

Are you physically attracted to your fiancé?

Describe the ways you and your fiancé are alike:

Describe the ways you and your fiancé are different:

What strengths will you bring to your marriage?

What strengths will your fiancé bring to your marriage?

What weaknesses will you bring to the marriage?

What weaknesses will your fiancé bring to the marriage?

Describe why you are getting married:

Describe what you expect to get out of a marriage:

Describe what you expect to give into the marriage:

Is there anything about marriage that you fear?

Spiritual Relationship

Write a brief autobiography of your spiritual life until now:

Have you experienced the infilling of the Holy Spirit? If yes, share your experience?

What are the spiritual convictions you are drawn to with your future partner?

How will your home be set up spiritually?

What are some of your personal convictions of how your home is to be centered on the Lord?

Would you and you fiancé be on the same level of spiritual maturity?

Does your fiancé draw you closer to the Lord, or further away?

Explain:

How will marriage mature your relationship with the Lord?

Who do you believe is responsible for spiritual leadership in the home?

Do you and your fiancé attend church together? If yes, where do you attend?

Do you and your fiancé attend church consistently? If yes, how often and what is your involvement?

Describe spiritual culture you intend to have in your marriage:

Describe any trouble areas in your relationship where you desire to see the Lord move:

Read Ephesians 5:15- 6:14; Colossians 3:21; 1 Timothy 5:8; 1 Peter 3:7. Make a list of the responsibilities of a Christian husband.

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Read Ephesians 5:15 –6:4; 1 Timothy 1:9-10, 3:11; 1 Peter 3:1-6. Make a list of the responsibilities of a Christian wife.

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Read Deuteronomy 24:1-4; Malachi 2:11-16; Matthew 5:31-32; 19:3-12; Mark 10:2-12; Luke 16:18 and 1 Corinthians 7:10-15. After reading these passages of scripture describe how God feels about divorce.

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Goals and Values

List in order of importance and time, five priority goals that you are seeking to reach in your lifetime:

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
In what ways are your goals:

a. the same as your fiancé's goals?	b. different from your fiancé's goals?
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How do you plan on resolving goal differences with your fiancé?

If you had to choose between working long hours to make more money and having less time together as a couple, or working short hours and having less money and more time together, which would you choose?

Roles and Responsibilities

Have you and your fiancé discussed areas of roles and responsibilities and who will fulfill each area?

Explain areas discussed:

List the areas in your marriage that you want to make decisions in/and or be involved in having responsibility over:

List the areas in your marriage that you want your fiancé to make the decisions in:

Have you established guidelines to distinguish between major and minor decisions? If so, explain.

Are you prompt in fulfilling responsibilities, or are you the type that likes to put things off?

Do you stick to commitments?

What Can We Afford/Financial Goals and Priorities

How will financial decisions be made in your future family?

Major sources of conflict in your money matters are related to what?

What are your convictions of a working wife?

What are your convictions of a working mother?

Do your convictions differ from that of your fiancé?

Who will have the final say in money related decisions?

Are you a good money planner?

What are your convictions about financial debt?

How do you plan to “live on a budget?”

Do you have a tendency to strive for things or can you be content with what you have?

Explain:

Who is going to be responsible for financial planning and bill paying in your future home?

Have you created a working budget that you plan to follow once married?

Have you created a working budget during your engagement and for your wedding?

Communication

Who does the most talking when you are alone?

What kind of disagreements have you had?

What have you done to resolve your differences?

Make a list of some issues on which you disagree that still need solutions:

When you become bothered by something, how do you react? (Blow up or withdraw? Yell or cry? Seek quick resolution or engage in prolonged pouting?)

In what ways has your fiancé communicated to you changes that she/he would like to make in your life? List the changes:

How has he/she communicated this?

What are your feelings toward these changes?

What changes have you shared with your fiancé that you would like him/her to make?

What was his/her reaction to these proposed changes?

I fell most like communicating with my fiancé when:

I feel least like communicating with my fiancé when:

Describe several things that your future partner does which makes it easy to share yourself with him/her:

Describe several things that your future partner does which makes it difficult to share yourself with him/her:

How do you plan to make important decisions in your marriage?

I think my fiancé and I need to improve our communication in the following areas:

How well would you say your communication stands now with your fiancé?

How do you react to frustration?

Are you a good listener?

What is the most consistent disagreement you and your fiancé have had in your relationship?

How well do you resolve conflicts?

What will you do to clarify misunderstood statements?

Describe several ways you have learned to balance personal freedom with responsibility to your future partner.

The most difficult area for me to allow my future partner freedom is:

How do you react to opinions from your future partner which differ from your own?

Selfishness on my part in our relationship has been:

How well do you respond in seeing the needs of your future partner met?

Are you able to quickly say, "I am sorry", "I am wrong", "forgive me", etc.?

Is your fiancé able to quickly say, "I am sorry", "I am wrong", "forgive me", etc.?

Sex

Have you and your fiancé compromised in ANY way physically?

Do you have any sexual inhibitions, fears, or awkward feelings that would hinder your marital relations?

List and explain anything that troubles you in the area of sex:

What are your feelings about oral sex?

How well are you able to communicate about sex? Explain:

Do you know of any reason why you cannot have a normal sex life? If yes, explain:

Do you feel adequately informed about a functional sexual relationship?

What do you believe are the purposes for sex in a marriage?

Children

Are you planning to have children? Why?

Have you discussed the role of children in your marriage?

Do you know of any physiological or psychological reason why you cannot or should not have children?

If yes, explain:

Are you open to adopt children/foster care?

How long will you wait to have children?

How many children would you like to have?

How many children would your fiancé like to have?

How will you direct your children spiritually?

List some changes you plan to make from your parents' child-rearing practices?

Explain the convictions that you and your fiancé have concerning child-rearing:

Explain your convictions concerning the “working mother and working father”

a. during the children's preschool years

b. during the childhood school years

Who should bear the responsibility for disciplining the children?

List (in order of importance) the values that you want to instill in your children:

What will you do to instill these values?

Explain what praising your children involves:

In-Laws

Briefly describe your future in-laws:

a. things I especially like about them:

b. things I don't particularly like about them:

What do you believe your future in-laws feelings are toward you and your impending marriage into the family?

What is the greatest area of contention with your future in-laws?

What do you see as potential points of conflict with your future in-laws (cultural differences, religious differences, etc.)?

What do you think you can do to resolve these areas of conflict?

What will be the frequency and the extent of your future in-laws involvement in your new life as a couple?

How is your present relationship with your parents?

What will be the frequency and the extent of your parents' involvement in your new life as a couple?

Are your parents and future in-laws able to release your future marriage and allow you and your husband/wife to establish your own home?

Are you emotionally attached to your parents to the extent it will be hard for you to separate from them once married?

Are you and your fiancé able to make godly decisions and minister these convictions to your families even if they don't agree?

How will you honor your families?

What are you presently doing to assist your parents or future in-laws to receive love from you?

What have you done to demonstrate love to them?