

## Marriage Planning Questionnaire

(To be filled out separately by each person and then compared for discussion. Purposes: To anticipate and prevent probable future problems. Allow at least two hours for discussion.)

1. Do you feel, beyond any shadow of a doubt, that this is the person God would have you to marry?

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a.) Is there any one outstanding reason?

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2. a.) How long have you known each other? \_\_\_\_\_

b.) How long have you been engaged? \_\_\_\_\_

c.) What are the attitudes of your family about your relationship? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What are three of the qualities you like best about your prospective mate?

a.) \_\_\_\_\_

b.) \_\_\_\_\_

c.) \_\_\_\_\_

4. What three faults or traits do you feel that you need improvement on most?

a.) \_\_\_\_\_

b.) \_\_\_\_\_

c.) \_\_\_\_\_

5. What three areas would you recommend improvement on for your prospective mate?

a.) \_\_\_\_\_

b.) \_\_\_\_\_

c.) \_\_\_\_\_

6. When you feel yourself developing a grudge or hurt feelings which could harm your relationship, how do you handle it?

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7. Will you agree not to tell any of the faults of your mate to your parents or family? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Study the attached temperaments chart and identify yourself and your partner. (The chart is from Tim LaHaye's books on the temperaments.)

Self - \_\_\_\_\_

Partner - \_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you in agreement that both husband and wife should have full knowledge of the family's financial picture at all times?

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10. Are you in agreement that all assets owned by each of you will become common property upon marriage?

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11. Do you owe any debts that would put a strain on the first year or two of your marriage?

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12. Have you agreed as to which one of you will handle the family money and write checks to pay the bills?

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13. Have you worked out a family budget for monthly expenditures? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Have you been married previously? How long have you been single again? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. What possible emotional baggage might you be tempted to bring into this marriage from the other marriage (anger, unforgiveness, wounds, etc.)?

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16. Are you aware of the Biblical basis for marriage (as indicated in passages like Ephesians 5, I Peter 3 and I Corinthians 6, 7)? Will you read these sections together?

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17. Have you reached the place in your spiritual experience where you know for sure that you are going to heaven?

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18. If, suddenly, you were standing before God and He asked you, "Why should I let you into My perfect heaven?" what would you say (or what do you think you would say)?

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19. To the woman: Are you prepared to be at your husband's side wherever he goes and whatever he does? (In other words, are you prepared to sacrifice some of your freedom?)

20. To the woman: Can you submit to your husband's leadership and believe that God can work through his decisions whether they are good or bad?

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21. To the man: Are you prepared to be her spiritual leader and emotional support, God being your helper?

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22. To the man: Will you treat her with the utmost respect and ask God to enable you to obey His command to love her more than your own life?

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23. To the woman: Will you attempt to be responsive to the love that he initiates to you and to give him every encouragement to continue initiating love in the relationship?

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24. Are you in agreement as to where you will be and what you will be doing the first year of your marriage?

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25. Have you discussed career plans for the future? \_\_\_\_\_

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26. What are your plans for:

a.) Automobiles: \_\_\_\_\_

b.) Insurance (life, health): \_\_\_\_\_

c.) Credit and charge accounts: \_\_\_\_\_

27. How soon do you want children? How large of a family do you want to have? \_\_\_\_\_

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28. What is your general philosophy regarding child-rearing? How do you feel about the Biblical command to spank your children (Proverbs 12:24, 22:15, 23:13,14)?

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29. Are there any mixed family issues, such as step-children, to consider? \_\_\_\_\_

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30. Do you expect for your spouse to be the main source of your future happiness? \_\_\_\_\_

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31. Please list five adjectives describing your mother and five adjectives describing your father.

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Father: \_\_\_\_\_

32. What do you consider to be legitimate expectations in marriage, or what do you expect your marriage to provide for you?

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33. Do you have any questions or items that you would like to discuss? \_\_\_\_\_

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34. Do you have any specific fears about the future? (If for any reason, past or present, you would like to talk with me or my wife privately, just call us).

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35. Are you determined that, no matter what, your marriage will succeed, and that you will “never say die” a.) because Jesus’ reputation is at stake, and b.) for the sake of your mate’s security?

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