

PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE INVENTORY

A Questionnaire for Engaged Couples

Instructions

- Without consulting your fiancé(e) fill in the assigned section(s) as completely as possible.
- Don't be concerned with the "rightness" or "wrongness" of your answers. Your personal opinion and viewpoint is what counts.
- Be as thorough and honest as you can.

PART 1 – SELECTING A LIFE PARTNER

1. Do you Agree or Disagree with the following? (Circle your answer) Key: SD=Strongly Disagree; D=Disagree; NS=Not Sure; A=Agree; SA=Strongly Agree.

- a. There should not be a great difference in age between marriage partners. SD D NS A SA
"in most cases" {AH 81.3} https://legacy.egwwritings.org/?ref=en_AH.81.3¶=128.342
- b. A couple facing marriage should get advice from their parents regarding the new couples' hopes and plans. SD D NS A SA
"Parents Can Be of Help" https://legacy.egwwritings.org/?ref=en_LYL.45¶=40.244
"Don't Keep It a Secret" [from parents] https://legacy.egwwritings.org/?ref=en_LYL.49¶=40.272
- c. In selecting a marriage partner an important question to ask is "Will this marriage increase my love for God?" SD D NS A SA
He who is unmarried [c]cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord. 33But he who is married cares about the things of the world—how he may please his wife. 1 Cor 7:32-33
"Will it increase my love for God?" is the correct quote w/ 12 hits. The quoted text in the question [0 hits in egwwritings.org] is a rephrase, not a verbatim quote.
- d. A good way to determine the character of a prospective husband is to consider his relationship with his mother. SD D NS A SA
{LYL 24.1}
- e. Every wife should be trained in some business whereby, if necessary, she could earn a living. SD D NS A SA
Who can find a virtuous wife? Pro 31:10
- f. Physical appearance should be a determining factor in mate selection. SD D NS A SA
"I would not be understood to mean that anyone is to marry one whom he does not love. This would be sin." {LYL 39.2}

2. Reasons I have selected my fiancé(e) as my prospective wife/husband.

- a. "It is not good that the man should be alone" Gen 2:18
- b. "it is better to marry than to burn." 1 Cor 7:9
- c. "I found him whom my soul loveth" SS 3:4

3. Qualities I am bringing to our marriage that will be assets to it.

- a. "I am fearfully and wonderfully made" Ps 134:14
- b. "Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor." Ecc 4:9
- c. "he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment" Gen 18:19

4. Qualities my fiancé(e) is bringing to our marriage that will be assets to it.

- a. "She was an intelligent and beautiful woman" 1 Sam 25:3
- b. "He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD." Prov 18:22
- c. "Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband." 1 Cor 7:2

5. Some ways my fiancé(e) and I are different are:

- a. "male and female created he them" Gen 1:27
- b. "that teacheth, on teaching" Rom 12:7
- c. "whether prophecy, let us prophesy" Rom 12:6

6. Some ways my fiancé(e) and I are alike are:

- a. "teach all nations" Mat 28:19
- b. "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it." Hab 2:22 [media ministry]
- c. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" 2 Cor 6:14

7. Some areas where we are really strong are:

- a. "in the camera of the" {4SP 311.3}
- b. "that teacheth, on teaching" Rom 12:7
- c. "Let the little children come to Me" Mt 19:14

8. Some areas where we are not as strong as we would like to be are:

- a. Matthew 26:11 The poor you will always have with you
- b. "time is short" 1 Cor 7:29
- c. "lacks wisdom, let him ask of God" James 1:5

9. Rate yourself by circling the number that best applies to you. Key: 1 = Very False; 2 = False; 3 = Undecided; 4 = True; 5 = Very True.

a. He/She is physically attractive to me.	1	2	3	4	5
	"was handsome in form and appearance" Gen 39:6 ESV		"the woman was very beautiful" Gen 12:14 ESV		
b. I don't feel defensive or embarrassed by his/her physical characteristics.	1	2	3	4	5
c. We agree on the things worth sacrificing for in life.	1	2	3	4	5
d. We are both committed Christians.	1	2	3	4	5
e. I have known him/her long enough and well enough that I have discovered our inevitable points of disagreement.	1	2	3	4	5
f. I respect his/her mental ability.	1	2	3	4	5

g. I will need to help my partner change in some ways after marriage. 1 2 3 4 5
"Love is patient, love is kind" 1 Cor 13:4

h. I am confident that our marriage will be a happy one. 1 2 3 4 5
"she became his wife, and he loved her" Gen 24:26

10. Have you ever wished you had not become engaged? (Circle your answer)

"the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone" Gen 2:18
 Never Once Occasionally Frequently

Explain your answer.

"The unmarried man is concerned about the work of the Lord, how he can please the Lord. 33But the married man is concerned about the affairs of this world, how he can please his wife, 34and his interests are divided" 1 Cor 7:33

PART II – VALUES AND GOALS

1. Write down five things in life that you value very much, in the order of their importance to you.

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| <p>a. "the will of the Father" John 5:30</p> <p>b. "have everlasting life." John 3:16</p> <p>c. "he that winneth souls is wise" Pro 11:30</p> | <p>d. "watchman" .. "to give them warning" Eze 3:17</p> <p>e. "law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul" Ps 19:7</p> |
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2. In the context of the following categories outline that goals you have for your marriage. Be as specific as you can.

- a. Education/Training "study to show thyself approved," 2nd Timothy 2:15
- b. Job/Career Acts 4:4 But many who heard the message believed
- c. God/Religion "Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God." Rev 22:9
- d. Church "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Mat 24:14
- e. Money "Nicodemus came boldly to the front. He employed his wealth in sustaining the infant church" "He became poor in this world's goods" {DA 177.1}
- f. Possessions "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own: but they had all things common." Acts 4:32
- g. Family/Children "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it" Proverbs 22:6
- h. Leisure "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work." John 4:34
- i. Other (Specify)

3. The above categories of goals were listed randomly.

a. Re-list them by categories according to your priorities.

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| <p>1. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart" Mark 12:30</p> <p>2. "The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor" Mark 12:31</p> | <p>"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Mat 6:33</p> |
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3. 7.
4. 8.

b. Re-list them by categories according to the way you think your fiancé(e) would list them:

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| 1. | "left the city and went to the Mount" Luke 22:39 NCV | "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me" Mat 19:14 | 5. |
| 2. | "share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Luke 3:10-11 ESV | "You shall teach them diligently to your children" Deu 6:6-7 | 6. |
| 3. | | | 7. |
| 4. | | | 8. |

4. Choose one of the above categories. Write your selection here:

a. What specific plans will be necessary to reach it?

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not: and it shall be given him." James 1:5

b. How soon do you think the goal should be reached? (Circle your answer)

Immediately 1 year 5 years 10 years More than 10 years

Proverbs 19:21
Many plans are in a man's heart, but the purpose of the LORD will prevail.

c. How do you think you will feel if plans do not work out to reach the goal when and how you had hoped?

"My grace is sufficient for you" 2 Cor 12:9

PART III – LOVE AND FEELINGS

1. Do you Agree or Disagree with the following? (Circle your answer) Key: SD=Strongly Disagree; D=Disagree; NS=Not Sure; A=Agree; SA=Strongly Agree.

a. Open expressions of love tend to show the weaker side of one's character, and it is thus better to be more reserved.

SD D NS A SA

John 21:7 "Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said..."

b. Love once expressed need not often be repeated as long as it is understood between marriage partners.

SD D NS A SA

"He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church..." Eph 5:29

c. A sacred circle surrounds each married couple and one or the other should not share the confidences of their marriage with those outside of it.

SD D NS A SA

"Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled" Heb

d. Love is a feeling.

SD D NS A SA

"Pure and holy affection is not a feeling, but a principle." {LYL 30.2}

e. Good Christians don't get angry.

SD D NS A SA

Ephesians 4:26 "Be angry, yet do not sin."

2. State several things that you are going to do after marriage to help the love between you and your partner to grow.

a.

"will sup with him, and he with me" Rev 3:20

- b. "shall teach them [commands] diligently to your children" Deu 6:6-8
- "Joseph"... "went" .."with Mary" Luke 2:4-5
- c.

3. List the things that you would like your partner to do to show his/her love for you.

- a. John. 14:15 "If ye love me, keep my [God's] commandments"
- b. "believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper" 2 Chronicles 20:20(b) (NIV)
- "A wife must not leave her husband" "if she does leave him, let her remain single or else be reconciled to him" "husband must not leave his wife" 1 Corinthians 7:10-17
- c.

4. Complete:

"Sometimes I just want to be left alone. Usually that is when "was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God" Rev 1:9

5. Complete:

"Some diversions or escapes I use in my life are "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine" Pro 17:22

6. Complete:

"When I am hurt, I would appreciate it if you "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." Mat 5:11-12 KJV

7. Complete:

"When you are hurt, I would appreciate it if you "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities" Isaiah 53:5

8. Circle the answers that best describe your feelings:

a. I am hurt most when you "Love your enemies" Mat 5:43-44

- 1. pay more attention to your work and studies than to me.
- 2. don't keep up your appearance.
- 3. are careless about money.
- 4. embarrass me publicly.
- 5. do all the talking.
- 6. leave everything up to me.
- 7. don't listen to me.
- 8. go out too much with your "friends."
- 9. nag me.
- 10. when you want too much from me physically.
- 11. use slang or swear words in your conversation.
- 12. don't share the same spiritual values that I share.

b. When I am hurt I tend to "he inquired of the LORD" 1 Saml 23:2

- 1. withdraw from you.
- 2. do something to hurt you.
- 3. get angry at you.
- 4. play the "martyr."
- 5. talk to you gently.
- 6. get in a mood.
- 7. keep myself busy.

9. Complete:

"If in their marriage a couple found their love to be waning they should

"Let some of the hours of courtship before marriage run through the married life." {LYL 13:2}

10. Recall some instances when you were angry.

a. "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness" Rom 1:18

b. Isaiah 59:2 "But your iniquities have built barriers between"

"He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." Pro 28:9

11. When you are angry, what do you do? (Check the answer which best describes your usual response.)

___ a. Try to keep it under control.

"avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" Romans 12:19-21

___ b. Get it off my chest – explosively

___ c. Ignore it; try to pretend I'm not.

___ d. Acknowledge my feeling and seek to rationally work out the difficulty.

12. Pinpoint the thing or things in life that cause you to worry the most.

a. 1 John 3:4-6 KJV
"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law"

"Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint" Pro 29:18

"do not worry" Mat 6:25

c.

13. List several things that make you feel worthwhile.

a. Genesis 1:27: "So God created man in his own image"

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" Rom 5:8

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." Rom 5:6

c.

14. List several things that make your fiancé(e) feel worthwhile.

a. Flowers, beautiful: as part of elixir of life 7T 76-7

"If anyone fails to provide for his own, and especially for those of his own family, he has denied the faith" 1 Timothy 5:8 AMP

b. "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church" Eph 5:25

"Not neglecting to meet together" Heb 10:25

c.

PART IV – RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND EXPECTATIONS

1. Complete:

“Marriage is a fitting symbol of the relationship between Christ and His church because "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church" Eph 5:25

2. Circle the answer(s) which you feel are appropriate:

The Bible describes a man and a woman in a marriage relationship as being “one flesh.”

This means that: Mark 10:8-9 NKJV. "and the two shall become one flesh"; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

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| a. the woman loses her individuality. | f. they are to make a lifelong commitment to each other. |
| b. the man loses his individuality. | g. they are joined into a new entity by God. |
| c. they are to unite sexually. | h. none of the above. |
| d. they complement each other. | |
| e. they have the same feelings about things. | |

"two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery." {BEcho September 4, 1899, par. 10}

3. Do you Agree or Disagree with the following: (Circle your answer) Key: SD=Strongly Disagree; D=Disagree; NS=Not Sure; A=Agree; SA=Strongly Agree.

a. Husband and wife are equal SD D NS A SA
"The wife is to stand by the side of the husband as his equal, sharing all the responsibilities of life, rendering due respect to him who has selected her for his lifelong companion." {21MR 214.4}

b. The husband should lead in family worship. SD D NS A SA
"The father, or, in his absence, the mother, should conduct the worship" {CCh 152.7}

c. Marriage is a permanent relationship. SD D NS A SA
1 Corinthians 7:39-40: A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives.

d. A good order of priorities in a home would be God first, the church second, marriage third and family fourth. SD D NS A SA
"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Mat 22:37

e. Husbands and wives have individual relationships with God, so it is not really important that they pray together. SD D NS A SA
"if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven." Matthew 18:19

f. The role that God plays in the marriage has very little to do with the success of it. SD D NS A SA
Psalm 127 1 "Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain." NIV

g. A couple should expect growth in marriage to continue for a lifetime. SD D NS A SA
"enduring all things" 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

4. List some ways that you think the church can be helpful to your marriage.

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| a. "my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18) | b. "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39 | c. "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17 | d. "That is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine." Rom 1:12 |
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5. Complete:

"Spiritually, I expect from you (my prospective wife/husband)

"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth" (John 17:17)

6. Describe in a few sentences your belief about Jesus Christ.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." 14 "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1

7. Complete:

"The times when I feel good about myself are

"to work in all manner of workmanship" Exo 31:5

8. Complete:

"The times when I feel unsure, discouraged, not so valuable are

"every branch that continues to bear fruit, He [repeatedly] prunes, so that it will bear more fruit" John 15:2 (AMP)

9. Things my fiancé(e) can say and do that life my sense of personal worth:

- a.
- b.
- c.

"Give thanks in all circumstances" 1 Thessalonians 5:18

"Whoever has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me" John 14:21

"my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it" Luke 8:21

PART V – ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN MARRIAGE

1. Do you Agree or Disagree with the following? (Circle your answer) Key: SD=Strongly Disagree; D=Disagree; NS=Not Sure; A=Agree; SA=Strongly Agree.

a. Since the wife is assigned the subordinate position in marriage, she is not on an equal basis with man. SD D NS A SA
 "nor to usurp authority over the man" 1 Tim 2:12
 "The wife is to stand by the side of the husband as his equal, sharing all the responsibilities of life, rendering due respect to him who has selected her for his lifelong companion." {21MR 214.4}

b. Doing "woman's work" robs a husband of status. SD D NS A SA
 "just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her" Eph 5:25

c. A wife should possess skills of housekeeping and child care. SD D NS A SA
 "To be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled" Titus 2:5 ESV

d. The husband and father is head of the household. SD D NS A SA
 "For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church" Eph 5:22-33

e. Husband and wife should never criticize each other's plans or question each other's judgment in the presence of others. SD D NS A SA
 "submitting to one another in the fear of God" Eph 5:21

f. Marriage means that usually one partner or the other will have to sacrifice his individuality to some degree. SD D NS A SA
 "We have an individuality of our own, and the wife's individuality is never to be sunk into that of her husband" --MS 12, 1895. {2MCP 426.1}

g. A wife may combine a career and homemaking. SD D NS A SA

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed" Pro 31:28

h. Some jobs in a household are definitely feminine, others definitely masculine. SD D NS A SA

"Since both men and women have a part in homemaking, boys as well as girls should gain a knowledge of household duties" {BLJ 234.4}

2. List several ways in which you treat your partner as your equal.

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| a. | "Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom" Pro 19:20 ESV | "There are different gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different ministries, but the same Lord. And there are different activities, but the same God who activates everyone directly" 1 Cor 12:4-7 | "she was not to control him as the head, nor to be trampled under his feet as an inferior, but to stand by his side as an equal, to be loved and protected by him." {AH 25.3} |
| b. | | | |
| c. | | | |

3. Complete:

"To me Ephesians 5:22-25 means

"no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation" 2 Pet 1:20

"What is written, is written" John 19:22

"make it plain" Hab 2:2

22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.
 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.
 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

PART VI – COMMUNICATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

1. Do you Agree or Disagree with the following? (Circle your answer) Key: SD=Strongly Disagree; D=Disagree; NS=Not Sure; A=Agree; SA=Strongly Agree.

a. Married couples should keep no secrets from each other. SD D NS A SA

"Cursed be the man that trusteth in man" Jer 17:5

"Do not trust in a friend; Do not put your confidence in a companion; Guard the doors of your mouth From her who lies in your bosom." Micah 7:5

b. Disagreements usually are settled by one or the other giving in. SD D NS A SA

"fast that I have chosen?" " to deal thy bread to the hungry" Isa 58:6-7

c. Most marriage communication problems are caused by the couple not taking time to be with each other. SD D NS A SA

"Run now, I pray thee, to meet her" 2 Kings 4:26 KJV

d. If a couple should discover themselves mismatched and miserable, they ought still to make the best of their situation. SD D NS A SA

"They ought then to make the best of their situation" {AH 84.3}

e. Both husband and wife should be willing to yield his or her way or opinion. SD D NS A SA

"Submit yourselves to one another because of your reverence for Christ." Eph 5:21-33 GNBUK

f. Usually the husband should make the final decision when he and his wife cannot agree on something. SD D NS A SA

"But if her husband overrules her on the day that he hears it, he shall make void her vow which she took and what she uttered with her lips, by which she bound herself, and the LORD will release her." Num 30:8

2. Some things we don't seem to be able to communicate about are:

- a. "And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression" 1 Tim 1:14

b.

c.

3. Complete:

“Important decisions in our marriage will be made

“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” Isa 8:20

“Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.” 2 Chr 20:20

4. Circle the answer you think is best:

a. Do you wish your fiancé(e) would talk to you more? Always Sometimes Seldom Never

“a time to keep silence, and a time to speak” Ecc 3:7

b. When _____ talks to you, do you try to make him or her think you are paying attention when you are not? Always Sometimes Seldom Never

c. Can you feel comfortable for your fiancé(e) to have ideas on certain subjects that do not agree with yours? Always Sometimes Seldom Never

“Emphasize Unity, Not Differences” {LDE 91}

5. Multiple choice:

“When I pray I _____”

Matthew 6:12
“And forgive us”

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven” 2 Chronicles 7:14

a. share openly and honestly with God.

c. take time to listen.

b. feel uncomfortable and anxious.

d. feel comfortable and relaxed.

e. other _____

6. If you and your future wife/husband get involved in a disagreement, argument or conflict, what will you do to resolve it?

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” 2 Tim 3:16

7. After a disagreement who initiates the first move to make up?

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10 ESV

8. Some things my fiancé(e) and I disagree about are:

a.

b.

c.

PART VII – IN-LAWS

1. Describe your parents’ attitude toward your marriage.

"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." Rom 12:18

Favorable Unfavorable I’m not sure

2. Describe your future in-laws’ attitude toward your marriage.

"Redeeming the time" Eph 5:16

Favorable Unfavorable I’m not sure

3. Do your parents and your fiancé(e)’s parents like each other?

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Gal 6:10

Yes No

4. If your answer to 3 was “No,” how you will relate to this?

5. What are some of the wishes of both families which you intend to include in your wedding plans?

6. If you felt your in-laws were “meddling” in your lives what would you do? (Check your response, whether or not you think it is ideal)

"Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established." Pro 15:22

- a. ___ Move away
- b. ___ Tell them off
- c. ___ Become very defensive
- d. ___ Not speak to them
- e. ___ Get angry
- f. ___ Try to reason with them
- g. ___ Just accept it
- h. ___ Not visit them anymore
- i. ___ Pray about it
- j. ___ Talk to them honestly and forthrightly
- k. ___ Other _____

7. Do you Agree or Disagree with the following? (Circle your answer) Key: SD=Strongly Disagree; D=Disagree; NS=Not Sure; A=Agree; SA=Strongly Agree.

a. It is appropriate for in-laws to live with their married children. SD D NS A SA

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." Gen 2:24

b. A couple should get advice periodically from their in-laws. SD D NS A SA

Proverbs 1:8-9 "Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching"

c. Equal amounts of time should be spent with the in-laws at vacation time. SD D NS A SA

"When you have a holiday, make it a pleasant and happy day for your children, and make it also a pleasant day for the poor and the afflicted. Do not let the day pass without bringing thanksgiving and thank offerings to Jesus" {AH 476.3}

d. It’s all right to accept money from in-laws. SD D NS A SA

"A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children" Pro 13:22

e. Marriage partners should do what brings happiness between them even if it disturbs their parents’ happiness.

"And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." Luke 6:31

8. Describe two things about your future mother-in-law and father-in-law that you really like.

Mother-in-law

- a. And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." Mark 16:15 "as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day" Luke 4:16
- b.

Father-in-law

- a. "provide for his own, and especially for those of his household" 1 Tim 5:8 Psalm 103:13 "As a father has compassion on his children"
- b.

9. Describe two things about your future mother-in-law and father-in-law that you do not like.

Mother-in-law

- a.
- b.

Father-in-law

- a.
- b.

10. What do you plan to do about the items mentioned in #8 above?

11. Complete the following statements:

"In-laws "So Moses heeded the voice of his father-in-law" Exodus 18

12. "If I should become a mother-in-law/father-in-law "Listen now to my voice; I will give you [h]counsel, and God will be with you: Stand before God" Ex 18:19

PART VIII – FINANCES

1. Do you Agree or Disagree with the following? In the left-hand column put "A" or "D" for your answers; in the right-hand column put "A" or "D" according to the way you think your fiancé(e) feels.

- ___ a. A home should have a television set. ___
"I will set nothing wicked before my eyes" Psalms 101:3-4
- ___ b. It is important for a woman to go to the beauty salon each week.
"Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious." 1 Peter 3:3-4 FSV
- ___ c. Tithe belongs to the Lord and should never be spent for anything else. ___
"And all the tithe..." it is holy unto the LORD" Lev 27:30
- ___ d. A vacation should be planned each year. ___
"Holidays Afford Opportunity for Missionary Service" {AH 476.2}
- ___ e. It is best to have two cars in the family. ___
"But he shall not multiply horses to himself" Deuteronomy 17:16

- ___ f. Money earned by the husband and wife should be kept separate and used separately. "You should allow your wife a certain sum weekly" {CCh 157.3}
- ___ g. A couple should always have some money in a savings account. "Provideth her meat in the summer" Pro 6:6-11
- ___ h. Everyone should have two or three credit cards. "borrower is the slave of the lender" Pr 22:7-9
- ___ i. Buying on the installment plan is a good idea. "But don't begin until you count the cost." Luke 14:28
- ___ j. Offerings are free-will gifts to God and may vary each time we give. "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor 9:7-9 ESV
- ___ k. Life insurance is a must for the head of the household. "Adventists should not engage in life insurance" {1T 549.2}
- ___ l. The budget should be planned together. "first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough" Luke 14:28
- ___ m. Only monthly expenditures should be included in the budget. "shall be as a [e]reserve for the land for the seven years of famine" Gen 41:36
- ___ n. A house should be fully furnished when a couple moves in. "Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife." Pro 17:1
- ___ o. Quality should be considered more than price when purchasing clothing or furnishings. "It is right to buy good material and have it carefully made. This is economv. But rich trimminas are not needed" {CG 420.4}
- ___ p. The man should handle the checkbook. "You should allow your wife a certain sum weekly and should let her dSo what she please with this money." {CCh 157.3}
- ___ q. Purchases of \$25 or more should not be made without both partners consulting together. "that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much" Luk 16:10 "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her" Prov 31:11
- ___ r. Each member of the family (including children as soon as they are old enough) should have a personal allowance. " the labourer is worthy of his hire" 1 Tim 5:18

2. Do you think your fiancé(e) handles money well? Yes No

If "No," how will you relate to this? "give me neither poverty nor riches" Pro 30:8

3. If your parents or your parents-in-law offered to give you a generous sum of money to help you out, what would you do? (Circle your answer)

- a. Accept it graciously as a gift without thought of repayment "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children" Pro 13:32
- b. Receive it reluctantly with a promise to repay "An inheritance gained hastily in the beginning will not be blessed in the end." Pro 20:21
- c. Reject the offer
- d. Accept only that portion which you were confident you could repay

4. How will you determine how much money you as a couple give to the church?

Malachi 3 tithe and "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor 9:7-9 ESV

PART IX – SEXUALITY AND FAMILY PLANNING

1. Do you Agree or Disagree with the following? (Circle your answer) Key: SD=Strongly Disagree; D=Disagree; NS=Not Sure; A=Agree; SA=Strongly Agree.

a. Sex in marriage is a beautiful thing over which God commissions angels to preside. SD D NS A SA

"Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled" Heb 13:4

b. Sex is appropriate on Sabbath. SD D NS A SA

"Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency." 1 Cor 7:5

c. Either partner may initiate sexual intimacy. SD D NS A SA

"Do not stir up nor awaken love Until it pleases." Song 8:4

d. Each partner should experience orgasm for sex to be satisfactory. SD D NS A SA

"Defraud ye not one the other" 1 Cor 7:5

2. Where did you get your earliest information about sex?

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3. Indicate your level of comfort with the following: (Check the appropriate column)

Very Comfortable Comfortable Uncomfortable

a. Your physical relationship so far. _____

b. The amount of demonstration of affection so far. _____

c. Your present knowledge of sex. _____

d. Your ability to communicate with your fiancé(e) about the role sex should have now. _____

e. Your ability to communicate with your fiancé(e) about the role sex will have when you are married. _____

f. Your fiancé(e)'s friendships with those of the opposite sex. _____

4. Who generally takes the initiative in the demonstration of affection? "Love begets love, affection begets affection" {2T 94.1}

5. Will you use contraceptives?

Yes No Uncertain
6. Do you plan to have children? "children are a heritage from the Lord" Psalm 127:3

Yes No Uncertain

5. Does your fiancé(e) have any habits that are annoying to you?

Yes No Uncertain

If "Yes," list them and indicate how you plan to relate to them.

6. Do you think you have any habits that are annoying to your fiancé(e)?

Yes No Uncertain

If "Yes," list them and indicate what you plan to do about them.

PART XI – FAMILY BACKGROUND

1. On the continuums below place an (x) to rate the family atmosphere of the home in which you grew up.

Competitive Cooperative
Hostile Friendly
Autocratic Permissive
Orderly Chaotic

2. Check the appropriate column regarding the home in which you grew up:

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
a. We worked things out together.	_____	_____	_____	_____
b. It was o.k. to share feelings.	_____	_____	_____	_____
c. There was freedom to make choices and learn from mistakes.	_____	_____	_____	_____
d. I felt listened to.	_____	_____	_____	_____
e. All family members were treated as equals.	_____	_____	_____	_____
f. Everyone's ideas were important.	_____	_____	_____	_____
g. I was allowed to do pretty much as I pleased.	_____	_____	_____	_____
h. I was afraid of my father.	_____	_____	_____	_____
i. I was afraid of my mother.	_____	_____	_____	_____
j. I was in conflict with someone.	_____	_____	_____	_____

k. I felt "put down." _____

3. Rate the following according to the way they were felt about in your family.

	Very Important	Less Important	Insignificant
a. Athletics/physical fitness	_____	_____	_____
b. Academic achievement	_____	_____	_____
c. Music	_____	_____	_____
d. Money	_____	_____	_____
e. Accumulating goods	_____	_____	_____
f. Hard work	_____	_____	_____
g. Education	_____	_____	_____
h. Power	_____	_____	_____
i. Control	_____	_____	_____
j. Winning	_____	_____	_____
k. Religion	_____	_____	_____
l. Cleanliness	_____	_____	_____
m. Respect for others	_____	_____	_____
n. Forgiveness	_____	_____	_____

4. In my family I was: ___eldest, ___second, ___middle, ___youngest, ___the only child.

5. Describe what your relationship with your father was/is like.

6. What similarities are there between you and your father?

What differences?

7. Describe what your relationship with your mother was/is like.

8. What similarities are there between you and your mother?

What differences?

9. Describe any similarities and differences you see between your fiancé and your father/your fiancée and your mother.

What differences?

10. What similarities will exist between the family you came from and the family you will be establishing?

What differences?

PART XII – PREPARING FOR REMARRIAGE

1. List the key reasons why you have decided to marry again:

a.

b.

c.

2. Some things I learned about myself from my previous marriage:

a.

b.

c.

3. Describe any changes which have come about in your life since the time of your previous marriage.

a.

b.

c.

4. What similarities exist between the expectations you had for your previous marriage and those you have for your next marriage?

a.

b.

c.

What differences?

a.

b.

c.

5. About my prospective marriage my children feel

6. Indications I see in my life that healing of the hurt and pain brought about by the ending of my first marriage is taking place:

a.

b.

c.

7. Some challenges I will face in a new relationship because of carry-overs from the past are:

a.

b.

c.