

C O U N S E L I N G M I N I S T R Y

Pre-Marriage Counseling Application

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*Before coming to the first session of your pre-marital counseling, please take time to fill out this Questionnaire.
You and your fiancé should each complete one. Please return the questionnaires prior to your first session.
Thank you*

Personal and Family Information

Your Name: _____
Last First Middle

Fiancés' Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Where were you born? _____

Highest level of education completed: _____

Do you plan to continue your education? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, explain: _____

Have you been married before? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, when did the divorce take place? _____

Have you had any previous counseling? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain. _____

Do you have children? _____ Yes _____ No

Name of children and ages: _____

Are your parents still living? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Only One _____ Where? _____

Occupation (or former if retired): Father _____ Mother _____

Are your parents Christians? _____ Yes _____ No? If so, can you talk about your spiritual life with them? _____ Yes _____ No

Have your parents ever separated or divorced? _____ Yes _____ No. When was this? _____

Rate your parents' marriage: _____ Unhappy _____ Average _____ Happy _____ Very Happy

As a child, did you feel closest to your father (Yes _____), mother (Yes _____), or another (Who? _____)

Rate your childhood: _____ Very happy _____ Happy _____ Average _____ Unhappy

How many? Older brothers _____ Younger brothers _____ Older sisters _____ Younger sisters _____

Who disciplined you? Father _____ Mother _____ Were they strict? Yes _____ No _____

Do you like to be alone at times? How much? _____

How do you like to relax? _____

What are your hobbies? _____

What kind of things do you like to do with your fiancé? _____

Are you a morning or a night person? _____

PART TWO

Why are you getting married? _____

What first attracted you to your fiancé? _____

Describe what a marriage is. _____

What will your marriage resemble five years from now? _____

Describe the best models of marriage you are familiar with. _____

What is your greatest fear of marriage? _____

What are your expectations of your fiancé? What things do you “expect” the other person to do?

Do you want to have children? How many? When? Why? If and when you have children, do you plan for both of you to be working? How much do each of you plan to be involved in raising the children? Give explanations to your answers. _____

Describe your family background. What positive and negative things have you learned from your family? _____

If you have a difference of opinion with someone, how do you usually handle it? Please explain.

If you were angry with someone, how would you prefer to settle the problem? _____

If someone very dear to you hurt your feelings, but you do not think they know how hurt you are, would you tell them? _____

If someone very dear to you hurt your feelings, but that person would feel very bad if you told them, would you tell them how you feel? Why? Why not? _____

On a scale of 1 to 10, 10 being the best, how good do you feel about yourself as a person?

Explain. _____

PART THREE

How long have you known your fiancée? _____ How long have you been actively dating?

How would you describe the pulse of your relationship during your dating/engagement period?

Heaven on earth Happy Okay Rocky – up & down Very difficult

How do your parents feel about your marriage to your fiancée? Excited Accepting Questioning
 Against

How do your 1-3 closest personal friends feel about your marriage to your fiancée? Excited
 Accepting Questioning Against

Have you ever taken any temperament/personality tests to see how you compare/contrast to your fiancée's
temperament/personality?

No Yes—If you know, what was the name of the test assessment you took? _____

How would you describe your sexual relationship up until this point?

Saving yourselves sexually for marriage. Physically/sexually involved with each other.
 Have lived or are currently living together.

Are there any secrets you are holding in and you feel that if your fiancée found out, you would be afraid
they might call off the wedding? No Yes If yes, are you willing to discuss this during the pre-
marital counseling session? Yes No

Have you ever been treated for depression? No Yes. Years treated: _____

Have you ever attempted suicide? No Yes. Year: _____

Have you ever had any homosexual experiences? None One time in the past. Some encounters in
the past. Numerous encounters in the past Currently involved.

Have you ever...? Used drugs (types: _____) Had a drinking problem
 Been arrested Been in jail None of these

Have you ever...? Prayed aloud together Read/discussed the Bible together Attended a Bible
study group together None of these

Have you discussed in detail the issue of children (timing of children and the number of children you
desire? No Yes

In the past, when I have gotten in disagreements or arguments with a loved one or family member, I have
 Screamed Clammed up and refused to talk Covered up my true feelings Lied about my feelings Blamed everything on the other person Gave the person the silent treatment for _____ hours OR _____ days Punched them Hurt them Promised to get even Called them bad names Flew into a rage threw things or broke things Pouted Prayed with them about the problem/issue Gotten a 3rd party to help us work through the problem/issue Calmed myself down so the problem could be discussed and resolved Brought up old issues from the past Walked out of the room Slammed doors Left the house mad Got drunk Went shopping

Are there any significant health problems you are bringing into the marriage? No Yes.

Explain: _____

Are there any financial debts that you bring into the marriage? Student loans of \$ _____

Unpaid credit card bills of \$ _____ Unpaid medical bills of \$ _____

Personal or family loans of \$ _____ Monthly car payment of \$ _____

Mortgage of \$ _____ Other debts/loans of \$ _____;

\$ _____ for _____

Check any and all words that describe your financial attitudes and habits: Spender Shopper Saver Out of control Orderly In debt Spend less than I make Spend more than I make Pack rat Throw out or give away what I'm not using Generous Tither Extravagant Parents spoiled me Parents deprived me Parents trained me in financial matters My family argued about money issues Greedy Simple pleasures/tastes Rich pleasures/tastes Tight Investor Financially clueless Operate on a budget-spending-savings plan Live for the moment Impulsive shopper Careful shopper Bargain hunter Thrifty I have more month than money I have money in the bank Have attended a Bible Study or Christian seminar on financial matters Garage sale & thrift store shopper Ebay shopper On-line shopper Walmart or K-Mart shopper Boutiques or department store shopper Compare prices Don't even notice prices.

Have you and your fiancée worked together to develop a written household income/spending plan for your new marriage? Yes No

Have you discussed the following in depth with your fiancé?

...Life Insurance and beneficiary? _____ Yes _____ No

...Health Insurance (including pregnancy)? _____ Yes _____ No

...Car titles, deeds? _____ Yes _____ No

...Debts and assets? _____ Yes _____ No

Are there any fears, concerns or apprehensions you currently have about your future marriage to your fiancée? No Yes Items: _____

Are you willing to go through pre-marital counseling sessions PRIOR to your wedding ceremony to assess and work on your spiritual foundations as a couple, your personality make-up, your financial plans and your wedding ceremony plans? () Yes () No If yes, who would you like to do this with:
() Name of person _____ () Pastor () Counselor () Mature Christian

In pre-marital counseling, are you willing to faithfully complete any given reading, test assessments or home work assignment? () Yes () No Are you financially able to pay for \$60-\$75 (per couple) in reading and test assessment materials () Yes () No

PART FOUR

Which of the following do you feel best describes where you are in your spiritual journey with Jesus Christ?

() **#1 – Little or no religious background:** I seldom or never attended church while growing up. I have little or no knowledge of the Bible and what it means to be a Christian.

() **#2 – Somewhat religious:** I grew up attending church on a fairly regular or occasional basis. I have a basic understanding of some of the Bible stories and consider myself to be a Christian. I have a concept of God in my life, but for the most part I live my life according to what I think or feel is best for me. If I died today, I would hope to go to heaven but I am uncertain if a person can know with 100% confidence that they will go to heaven when they die.

() **#3 – Spiritual Seeker:** I feel I am at a point in my life where I have a genuine desire to have a better understanding of the Bible, Jesus Christ and the Christian faith. I am still investigating Biblical Christianity and I am open to God becoming more real to me. I have not yet fully yielded my life to Jesus Christ and I have not yet put my trust in Him to forgive all my sins. If someone asked me if I have been “born again”, I would say “no” or I would not be sure what they were talking about.

The thing(s) I feel are holding me back from yielding and giving my life fully to the Lord are:

Note: The pastor will be happy to help you resolve your spiritual questions and concerns so that you can become a follower of Christ.

() **#4 – Backsliding Christian believer:** In the past (approximate age(s): _____), I had a genuine love for God and had asked Jesus Christ to be my personal Lord and Savior. In recent years, I have been out of fellowship with the Lord, have not been active in a Bible-believing church, have not developed or maintained close Christian friendships, and have spent little or no time in the Bible.

() **#5 – New/Young/Recommitted Christian Believer:** I have recently become a born-again Christian and I am excited about my new relationship with Jesus Christ **OR** I have been a born-again Christian for a long-time, but am only recently discovering God’s deep love for me and His desire to work in and through my life.

() **#6 – Stable/Growing Christian Believer:** I am confident of God’s active working and leading in my life. I look to Him and His word on a regular basis. I am regularly involved on a weekly basis in a Bible-believing church and I look for ways to serve the Lord and others.

() **#7 – Mature Christian Believer:** I have a deep and consistent walk with the Lord. I am actively attending and serving on a weekly basis in a Bible-believing church. I understand my spiritual giftedness and actively use my time, gifts and resources to influence others for the Lord.

For those who checked #4, #5, #6, or #7: How and when did you come to know Jesus Christ personally?

For those who checked #5, #6, or #7: What do you currently do to actively maintain your relationship with the Lord?

Printed Name

Signature

Date