

Pre-Marriage Questionnaire

Commitment

I am willing to put effort into improving our relationship.

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I believe my fiancé is committed to me.

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I believe marriage is for life (Matthew 19:6).

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Background

Have your parents (or whoever you were raised by) struggled with alcohol or drug addiction? Y / N

Have you ever had an alcohol or drug addiction? Y / N

Has your fiancé ever had an alcohol or drug addiction? Y / N / not sure

Have you ever been abused by your parents in any way?

No

Not sure; it may have been abuse

Yes

Have you ever been abused by your fiancé (this relationship) in any way?

No

Not sure; it may have been abuse

Yes

Have you ever been abused by anyone else?

No

Not sure

Yes

Physical boundaries / past

Have you talked with your fiancé about physical boundaries in your relationship—where to draw the line? (level of physical contact)

No

Yes

Is your fiance committed to sexual purity and abstinence before marriage?

No

Somewhat

Yes

Do you have any regrets about sexual choices in the past?

No

Yes

(If you need to find peace in this area, work on it before marriage. Confess anything major to your fiance/fiancee.)

Have you intentionally viewed pornography*? (viewing a magazine/movie/website, etc.)

Never intentionally.

Only when I was a child and didn't know better.

I've looked at inappropriate pictures but not full pornography.

I did as a teen/adult, but it's been a year or more.

I still struggle in this area and want to overcome.

Yes and I don't consider it sin.

Do you think your fiance ever views pornography?

No, to my knowledge he never has.

Yes, but he says it's in the past and he has repented.

I don't know

Yes

Are you concerned that your fiance spends too much time talking with people of the opposite sex?

No

Somewhat

Yes

Not sure

Areas for improvement (relationship & yourself)

Dependency (mark all that apply)

- I rely on God to fulfill my deepest needs for love.
- I might be too dependent on my fiance.
- My fiance might be too dependent on me.

How would you rate your positive outlook on life?

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How would you rate your ability to express your thoughts and needs to your fiancé/fiancée?

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How do you feel when your fiancé (or anyone) tells you that you've done wrong?

I always feel misjudged.

I tend to feel misjudged, but consider it later.

I usually welcome correction and am thankful, and then I think about whether/how I can improve in that area.

If you've had a time when you've confronted your fiancé, how does he respond?
(can be more than one)

He gets defensive/angry, or doesn't listen to me.

He disagrees and says his intentions were good, but still cares and listens to how I feel.

He agrees to work on it, or at least considers it.

How would you describe your feeling of connection or closeness?

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Do you think of your fiancé as controlling?

Y / N

Are you generally satisfied with your fiancé's character, or are there some things you really want him to change? (Consider his honesty, humility, temper, positive/negative outlook on life) 1 2 3 4 5

My fiancé's highest priority is his relationship with God. 1 2 3 4 5

My fiancé could be more reliable. 1 2 3 4 5

Do you think your fiancé is mentally and emotionally stable? 1 2 3 4 5

How would you describe your flexibility in the relationship? 1 2 3 4 5

Any areas where you might be less flexible?

Stress

Do you have any stress about your fiancé/relationship?

0 1 2 3 4 5

How much stress do you feel over outside issues?

Finances 0 1 2 3 4 5

Current living situation 0 1 2 3 4 5

Future living situation 0 1 2 3 4 5

Wedding plans 0 1 2 3 4 5

Lack of time together 0 1 2 3 4 5

Fiance's stress wears off on me or annoys me 0 1 2 3 4 5

Your future in-laws 0 1 2 3 4 5

Not being able to get things done on time 0 1 2 3 4 5

Your fiance not getting things done on time 0 1 2 3 4 5

Other (list):

Do these stresses affect your relationship?

Yes, it's hard to have a positive conversation (either because of mutual negativity about the issues, or because of disagreement).

Somewhat, but we're able to support each other and come to agreement/ healthy outlook for the situation.

No, I keep it to myself.

No, our relationship is unaffected by outside problems.

Communication

How would you rate your communication as a couple? (1 – needs improvement, 5 – we've resolved any major issues)

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Do you feel heard when you share feelings with your fiancé?

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Are you usually able to express your thoughts/feelings?

No, I struggle putting things into words.

No, I'm afraid of my fiancé's reaction.

Yes

Other

Conflict resolution:

(1) When my fiance/fiancee and I have a disagreement, I seek to solve the problems with him/her, rather than avoiding the topic.

Y / N / sometimes

(1) When we have a disagreement, my fiance avoids the issue or becomes silent.

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(2) I am satisfied in our ability to solve conflict:

No, we really need to improve.

Yes, I feel that we have solved/moved on from every significant issue.

Finances

When you are married, will you share a bank account?

- No, we will have separate accounts.
- Yes, and we'll have equal access.
- Other

What is your plan for budgeting?

- We don't have a plan and we trust each other not to spend too much.
- Wife gets an allowance.
- We'll both have an allowance.

Do you have unpaid debts?

No

Yes but I'm not concerned.

Yes and I'm concerned.

Does your fiance have unpaid debts?

No

Not sure

Yes but I'm not concerned.

Yes and I'm concerned.

Gender Roles

What is your view of passages like Ephesians 5:22-33? (check any that you agree with)

A wife should obey and submit to her husband unless it would be sin.

A wife is a helper but doesn't have to submit if her husband is controlling.

A wife is her husband's cheerleader and helper.

Other

What is your opinion of decision-making?

A husband has all authority in the relationship, including decisions about his wife's health and lifestyle.

A wife makes decisions about her personal life, but if it's about the family (children's schooling or where to live), they discuss it together and the husband makes the final decision.

A husband and wife mutually submit and come to compromises when possible.

Other

From your perspective, how much authority does God intend for a husband to have?

- Parental authority
- Some authority
- No authority; only leadership
- No authority or leadership

What is the extent of a man's leadership, if any?

- God intends for men to have authority over their wives' health/work/lifestyle and make decisions for her.
- He intends for wives to freely follow their husbands for advice, but men are not intended to command their wives.
- They are equal in all areas; a wife should be independent and make her own decisions.
- Other:

What is your opinion of handling chores? (check any that you agree with)

- It's a wife's job to take care of the house if she is physically able.
- It's the responsibility of both spouses, and we'll decide who does what.
- Both spouses should be willing to do what needs to be done, without telling the other what to do.

What do you think about a wife's access to finances? (Answer based on **your** perception of marriage, not a compromise you feel uneasy about.)

- She can have her own bank account.
- She can have equal access to a shared bank account if she is working.
- She can have equal access even if she is not working.
- She can have equal access even if she is spending beyond their means.
- It's the husband's role to manage finances, and a wife doesn't need equal access. She can either have an allowance or go to him for her needs.

Women: Do you want/expect to have a job once you're married?

- Yes, I want to work until retirement.
- Yes, I want to work until we have children.
- Yes, but I might change my mind.
- No, because I want to stay at home.
- Other thoughts:

Men: Do you expect your fiancée to have a job once you're married?*

- Yes, I want her to work until retirement.
- Yes, I want her to work until we have children.
- Yes, because she wants to work; but I would support her if she doesn't.
- No, because she wants to stay at home, but I'm okay with her working.
- No, I prefer her to stay at home when we have children.
- Only if she can work at home and include the children.

*Answer from your own preferences even if you're already agreed. Would it be different if she changes her mind?

Is it important for a husband to ask/inform his wife about big decisions?

- Not if it involves his personal life; only the family or finances.
- He can tell her but it's still his decision.
- He listens to her advice.
- He does more than listen to advice but works through it with her.

Is it important for a wife to ask/inform her husband about big decisions?

- She doesn't have to share personal decisions; it's only necessary if it affects both/the family.
- She should tell him but it's still her decision.
- She should ask him and then do what he says.

Future plans

We share the same goals in life and see no conflict. 1 2 3 4 5

We have similar desires for where to live. 1 2 3 4 5

I'm willing to change my plans. 1 2 3 4 5

I'm willing to go wherever God wants us. 1 2 3 4 5

I think my fiancé is willing to go wherever God wants us. 1 2 3 4 5

Shared interests

We enjoy the same activities. 1 2 3 4 5

I enjoy being with his/her friends. 1 2 3 4 5

He/she enjoys being with my friends. 1 2 3 4 5

Social/family relationships

My family respects my decisions and isn't overly involved.

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My fiance is too influenced by his family.

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My fiance's family interferes with our relationship.

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There is a family member or friend who has concerns about our relationship and plans for marriage.

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We have had conflict in our relationship as a result of family members or friends.

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Beliefs

We have no tension over our spiritual beliefs. The areas that I believe are important, we agree on.

Yes

Not sure yet

No, there is some tension

We agree on whether we will go to church, and what kind of church to attend.

Yes

Not sure yet

No, we have some disagreement

We agree on social causes (example: pro-life)

Yes

Not sure yet

No, we have some disagreement

We're comfortable talking about spiritual topics.

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Expectations

I still have more to learn about my fiancé. Y / N

Marriage will solve any problems we currently have. Y / N

I believe our romantic feelings will have ups and downs. Y / N

Parenting plans

We agree on spiritual beliefs we will teach our children. 1 2 3 4 5

Do you feel you need to set a limit on how many children you have? ____

If so, how many children do you plan to have? ____

Is your fiancé agreed? ____

Are you flexible even if your fiancé changes his/her mind? ____

If you want to use birth control, do you both agree? ____

We agree on schooling for our future children.

Y / N

We agree on child training methods.

Y / N

My fiance would be an excellent example for our children to follow.

Y / N