

Premarital Questionnaire

To my new friends:

You have received this questionnaire because you have asked me to be a part of your wedding day, and because I want to offer you the best personalized services that I am able to offer.

I realize that I do not know you well— not yet! I trust that during planning process I will get to know you much better. However, for me to know you well from the start, I need to ask about who you both are, what your backgrounds are, what work is like for you, what your family was like growing up, and other things about you and your past. Many of these questions are **very** personal; in fact, some of them may touch on things that you have not yet spoken about openly even with your fiancé.

Please trust that your completed questionnaire will not be shared with anyone else; I will not use this information against you; and I am not looking for ways to judge you or make you feel awkward or ashamed. And please also trust that I, and many who are wiser than I am, have concluded that these topics are very important factors in how healthy your marriage will be. I simply want to work with you to lay the foundations for the healthiest marriage possible. I do want you to know that if there is something you don't wish to discuss, that is fine.

About the couple:

General Information:

How long have you known each other?

How long have you been dating?

How long have you been engaged?

What is the anticipated date of your wedding?

Are you currently living together? No Yes

About the bride

Personal Information:

Name: _____

Date of Birth ___ / ___ / _____

Where you grew up: _____

Where you live now: _____

Education Level (**check highest completed**):

- High School
- Some college
- College graduate
- Some graduate school
- Completed graduate school
- Other (_____)

Health Information:

Rate your current health (**check only one**):

- Very Good
- Good
- Average
- Poor

Please list any current or recent illnesses, injuries, or other handicaps:

Faith/Beliefs Information:

My current church/faith circumstances (**check all that apply**):

- I currently attend a church. (which one? _____)
- I am a member of a church. (which one? _____)
- I do not currently attend any church.

My church/faith background (**check all that apply**):

- I have never attended a Christian church.
- I am uninterested in matters of faith as they relate to me, my wedding, or my marriage.
- I grew up attending a Christian church. (which denomination? _____)
- I grew up in a family environment that was indifferent to religion and Christianity.

Family Information:

My parent(s) were/are (**check all that apply**):

- married all of my life.
- still married.
- separated but never divorced.
- divorced...
- during my childhood.
- after my adulthood.
- mom remarried...
- during my childhood.
- after my adulthood.
- dad remarried...
- during my childhood.
- after my adulthood.
- single parents.
- mother is deceased.
(when: ___ / ___)
- father is deceased.
(when: ___ / ___)
- I grew up in the foster-care system.
- I was adopted.

My marriage experience and background (**check all that apply**):

- I've never been married.
- I've never married before, but I have lived with a partner before.
- I've been previously engaged but not married.
- I've been married before. (how many times? ____)
- I was divorced. (when ___ / ___)
- I was widowed. (when ___ / ___)

Work Information:

Current job: _____

Does your job require you to travel?

- No
- Yes— If yes, how many days/nights do you travel per month?
_____ days/nights (circle one) per week/month (circle one)

Have you ever done any of the following as a part of your work? (**check all that apply**):

- worked in law enforcement
- served in the military
- served in combat
- worked in a hospital, in crisis counseling, or some other circumstance in which you were regularly exposed to high levels of trauma
- worked in politics
- as a politician/candidate
- as support staff for a politician/candidate
- I am pregnant now.
- I have _____ children...
- as a single parent.
- from a previous marriage.
- with my current partner/fiancé.
- My children...
- live with me all the time.
- split time with me and their father.
- live with their father all the time.
- are cared for by someone else.
(who?
_____)

Which of the following best describes your average work-week?

- I do not work outside of the home.
- I work less than 20 hours a week.
- I work 20-30 hours a week.

- I work 30-40 hours a week.
- I work 40-50 hours a week.
- I work 50-60 hours a week.

How do you feel about getting married?

- I feel pressured/required to get married.
- I am concerned about my relationship with my future in-laws.
- I believe that my future in-laws will meet some of my relational needs in ways that others cannot.
- I am worried that my fiancé and I don't think the same way about money and financial matters.
- I can't wait to have children.
- I am not certain that I want children.
- I know for sure that I do not want to have any (or any more) children.
- I am afraid that my fiancé doesn't share my thoughts about children.

About This Information:

- I have discussed all of the above with my fiancé, and I am comfortable discussing these issues as a part of premarital counseling.
- I have **NOT** discussed all of the above with my fiancé; I will communicate with you about how and when we might introduce these topics in premarital counseling. (Please indicate with an asterisk (*) which topics you have **not** discussed with your fiancé.)

By completing this questionnaire (and signing below), I commit to working with the Pastor to fulfill all of the requirements of pre-marital counseling, including reading, worksheets, workbooks, and counseling sessions, to the best of my ability.

Signed: _____ Date ____ / ____ / _____

About the groom

Personal Information:

Name: _____

Date of Birth! ___ / ___ / _____

Where you grew up: _____

Where you live now: _____

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Have you ever been suddenly fired from a job? (When: ___ / ___)

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How do you feel about getting married?

I don't want to give up the freedom and fun of singleness.

I can't wait to have a wife who will be my constant companion.

I feel pressured/required to get married.

I am concerned about my relationship with my future in-laws.

I believe that my future in-laws will meet some of my relational

needs in ways that others cannot.

- I am worried that my fiancé and I don't think the same way about money and financial matters.
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My social/emotional/relational background and struggles (**check all that apply**):

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