

My dear brothers and sisters, be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. James 1:19 nlt

- ◆ _____
- ◆ _____ one another, even in your anger
- ◆ Let's not "Get _____"
- ◆ Eliminate the _____
- ◆ Stop using sex as a _____ or as a _____
- ◆ Define the _____
- ◆ Avoid _____
- ◆ Stop _____ graves!
- ◆ Understand and then seek to be _____
- ◆ Avoid hitting _____
- ◆ _____ is for idiots!
- ◆ Always leave room for a _____ withdrawal. Be _____ (You might be wrong!)
- ◆ Brainstorm with a _____ for solutions
- ◆ Agree on _____ for each to try
- ◆ _____ later

GOD'S EXPECTATIONS OF A GOOD SPOUSE -

Nevertheless let each individual among you also love his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see to it that she respect her husband.

Ephesians 5:33 nas

Husband

- 1. _____ 1 Peter 3:7
- 2. _____ Eph 5:25-ff
- 3. _____ 1 Timothy 5:8
- 4. _____ Deut 6:7; 1 Cor 14:35
- 5. _____ Eph 5:23

Wife

- 1. _____ Gen 2:18; Prov 31:12
- 2. _____ Eph 5:21-22
- 3. _____ Prov 14:1
- 4. _____ Titus 2:3-4
- 5. _____ 1 Pet 3:3-4; 1 Tim 2:9-10

Premarriage Preparation

"Marriage and Divorce magazine discovered that one out of every three marriages ends in divorce, but when the couple is married in a church ceremony, and they attend church regularly, and they pray and read the Bible together, then the chances for divorce drop to one out of 1,105."
- Rick Warren

Welcome to the world of the soon-to-be wed. You are taking a huge step and making a massive commitment! But you're also entering the greatest relationship known to man (outside of a relationship with Jesus, Himself).

I believe marriage is special! That it's important! That it's vital! My goal is to help you give your marriage the most solid foundation possible and to equip you to build upon that foundation with confidence and skill all the years of your life together. I intend that your joy in this relationship be full and complete.

God has has much to say about this journey called marriage. We will look at it over the next several meetings together. To assist us in that exploration, I have attached several documents for us to use. We will refer to some together in our meetings. Others, are made to more intimate and meant to be shared between you and your fiancée.

You should find the following documents included in this packet:

- This Prep Page (This page)
- Temperament Inventory Profile (TIP test)
 - Love Languages Quiz
 - Head/Heart Test

Please bring these all with you when you come for your first appointment.

My hope is that you not only find yourself equipped as you head into marriage, but that you enjoy really getting to know this person God has brought into your life.


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THERE ARE TYPICALLY FOUR PHASES OF MARRIAGE

1. _____, characterized by _____
2. _____, characterized by _____
3. _____ characterized by _____
4. _____, characterized by _____

PREMARRIAGE CHECK LIST #1 - WHY DO I/WE WANT TO MARRY?

PREMARRIAGE CHECK LIST #2 - HOW COMPATIBLE ARE WE?

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers [do not make mismated alliances with them or come under a different yoke with them, **inconsistent with your faith**]. For what partnership have right living and right standing with God with iniquity and lawlessness? Or how can light have fellowship with darkness? *2 Cor 6:14 amp*

Are we spiritually compatible? Why?

What does our temperament profile tell us about ourselves?

What was it that originally drew me to my fiancée...

Has my fiancée always been upfront with me and honest with me in all things?

Describe your dating and engagement...

Describe your ability to communicate with your fiancée. Be Specific.

THE FOUNDATION OF MARRIAGE

By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; And by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Proverbs 24:3-4 nas

built - means both to _____ and to _____

established - means to be _____

filled - means to be "full of" - which signifies _____

wisdom - awareness with the ability to make right _____ at the _____ time

understanding - comes from a word which means the ability to _____ or separate to be able to understand and know how to _____.

knowledge - means to ascertain by _____, or to see and to _____ how to apply

THE CAUSE FOR MARRIAGE (Genesis 2:18-25)

1. God _____ man's need for companionship v.18
2. God realized man's need for a _____ v.18
3. God _____ to make someone _____ for man. v.18
4. God _____ made an ideal helper for man. v.22
5. God _____ woman to man! v.22
6. God created in man an _____ for the cause or course of marriage - that he would _____ his old manner and _____ a new life together with his mate... _____!

You did not become an adult without _____. You did not become good at your vocation without _____ and _____. Likewise, you will not become "good" at marriage without some _____ and a lot of _____ and much _____!

PREMARRIAGE CHECK LIST #3 - THE TEN QUESTIONS GAME

10. Am I a spender or a saver?
9. Am I in debt?
8. What is my sexual appetite and health?
7. What are my preferences for intimacy?
6. Who cleans the bathroom, does the laundry, vacuums, and maintains the lawn/garden?
5. What are my pet peeves?
4. What are my children expectations? Do I want children?
3. What about infertility, fostering, and adopting?
2. Am I professionally established/satisfied?
1. How do I deal with job stress?

PREMARRIAGE CHECK LIST #4 - THE NEEDS CHECK LIST

For Women:

For Men:
