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| Premarital Innermost Feeling Questionnaire |
| **Fiancé | Fiancée:**  **Name:** |

**Wedding Date?**

**Location?**

What are your beliefs? Do you believe in God?

Have you given your life over to Christ? Do you know what that means? Have you been water-baptized? If you haven’t, do you have a desire to?

Do you believe in the Bible? What is your relationship with the Word of God?

Have you read the Bible in its entirety?

Do you own a Bible? Do you have a couples Bible? Do you have or own a couple’s devotional? Why or why not? Do you believe it is necessary?

How important is corporate worship to you? As well as other participation in church life?

How important is it to be part of a small accountability, support group and/or prayer group?

Does the person you marry have to have the same religion and spiritual belief system as you? Why or why not? Please explain in detail.

What is the importance of worship to you and to the man or woman you marry?

Do you have a relationship with God? Is it important to you for your potential spouse to have a relationship with God?

What does it mean to be equally yoked? Do you understand the term and why it is important to God?

What are your daily personal devotional practices? (Prayer, reading, meditation, bible study)

What would you like your family devotions to look like? Who will lead? How often?

In your childhood dynamic, what was your family’s relationship with God and prayer? Did your parents/caregivers discuss the Lord and lead Bible study for you in or outside of church? Please provide detail.

In your dating life are you doing this now in an appropriate way: praying together about your lives and future, reading the Bible together? Why or why not?

Describe the relationship you have with your parents. How has this relationship shaped or impacted your view of marriage?

If there is a problem within your marriage, who will you confide in other than your potential mate that provides wise counsel? Are they kingdom-minded?

Would you feel comfortable if your fiancée shared marital problems with a friend or family member?

What is your parent’s attitude toward your fiancé/fiancée?

How do you perceive your prospective in-laws’ attitude toward you?

Do you perceive a potential roadblock between you and your significant other’s parents, siblings, aunt’s, uncles and/or caregivers? What actions against you might create a strain in your marriage? What is the potential roadblock and how can you strategically prepare before and after marriage?

How can your fiancé or fiancée protect you from their parents, caregivers, siblings, aunts or uncles? Have you articulated this to your mate? What would you like to see him or her do consistently to protect you?

In your opinion, when observing your significant others circle of friends and family; who among them are for your marriage and who among them are against your marriage?

How will you all go about eliminating negative outside influences that once held close ties to you as a single-individual?

On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being the best) how would you rate your relationship with your future in-laws? Explain.

What type of relationship do you expect to have with your parents and your in-laws after you are married? Who will come first? What if your parents ask you to choose sides between families: who will you choose?

What is the meaning of headship and submission in the Bible and in your marriage?

Describe in detail where and with whom you will spend your first Thanksgiving and Christmas?

What can you do to express your love to your parents and future in-laws?

Is it good to do things with friends but without your spouse?

What will we do if one of spouse really likes to hang out with so and so and the other doesn’t? Provide in detail?

Have any family members or friends stated any reservations or concerns about your engagement to your fiancé/fiancée? What are they? Are the reservations similar in concern?

Do you believe parents or caregivers regarding your mate? Will you proceed with the marriage if the response is adverse?

Has your future-in-laws stated any concerns regarding their own son or daughter? Such as they are not ready for marriage, lack maturity or I wouldn’t marry my son or daughter because…? Will you heed their warnings? If not, why?

How are tasks shared in the home: cleaning, cooking, washing dishes, yard work, who will take out the garbage, car upkeep, repairs, shopping for food, childcare and all other important household items?

Who should be the breadwinner in the home?

What parameters decide when and if the family should relocate? Work, income, family, Church location, community?

Should you own a home or not? Rent? Why or why not? What makes sense for you and your family?

What kind of neighborhood would you like to live in? New build homes or older character homes? Why or why not?

How many cars? New? Used? Lease? Why or why not?

How much money should you spend on entertainment?

How often should we eat out? What’s our monthly budget?

Before and after marriage, what is an ideal date night out? Please list in detail.

How important is it that your mate wants to travel? How often? Where to?

What are the relational strengths you bring to your prospective marriage?

What are the relational weaknesses you bring to your prospective marriage as a husband or wife?

Name one or more minor conflicts in your relationship that do not need to be resolved (a minor conflict is a conflict that does not cause harm to the relationship, or a conflict that will go away on its own)

List one or more moderate conflicts in your relationship (a moderate conflict is a conflict that does not threaten a healthy relationship, but its resolution would generate more harmony).

List one or more major conflicts in your relationship (a major conflict is a significant issue that if left unresolved would damage or threaten a healthy relationship; or a recurring conflict that continually causes dissension).

Complete this statement to your future spouse, “This is what I would like you to know about me in order to understand me better…”

Are there any relationships for you or your fiancé/fiancée that you can identify as needing additional boundaries (opposite sex, parents, friends, co-workers etc)? What action steps would you suggest putting in place?

What are your expectations about situations where one of you might be alone with someone of the opposite sex?

What are your expectations of in-to-me-see? What are your expectations of sex within your marriage? How do you feel in-to-me-see and sex differ?

What is the sexual frequency you expect to have after marriage? How many times a week or a month? Have you articulated this to your spouse (after marriage)?

What if you are not happy with sexual frequency due to boredom (too much sex before marriage) how will you allow God to create a divine-sex experience in your marital bed?

How will you prevent the marriage bed from being defiled?

Has trust in your relationship been previously broken (cheating, dishonesty, failure to follow-through). If so, what steps have you taken to mend trust?

If trust has not been regained, what needs to occur to gain the trust back?

State honestly any fears, concerns, or apprehensions you feel about your anticipated marriage.

How do express love? How do you prefer to receive love from your fiancé/fiancée? How can your mate best affirm you?

Will you agree to give total access to each other’s technology / Social Media activities? (Cellphone, Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat, Internet access, banking accounts, etc.)

Fill in the blank. I think any discretionary purchase over the following amount should require the agreement of both the husband and the wife: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What makes you angry?

How do you handle your frustration or anger?

What is your personal conflict resolution strategies both past and present? Please utilize whichever timeframe applies best. Has your conflict resolution strategy been successful? What evidence in your past supports your conclusion?

How should a loved one bring up a “touchy” subject that you find frustrating to discuss?

What if you disagree with a significant other and you both have differing opinions about what should be done *and* whether it is a serious concern? How would you handle this situation?

Have you ever been involved in a verbally abusive or physically abusive relationship? Were you the victim or the abuser? Please be honest?

What is your view of getting help from friends or counselors both personally and within a relationship?

To be answered by the woman: Do you have any reservations or concerns about your fiancé’s spiritual life; his ability to lead you, yield in responsibilities, respect you, care for you, love and provide for you? What would they be? In which areas do you see that your fiancé needs to grow?

To be answered by the man: Do you have any reservations or concerns about your fiancé’s spiritual life; her ability to respect you, follow you and yield to your leadership? What would they be? In which areas do you see that your fiancé needs to grow?

To be answered by the woman: In what ways do you feel most unprotected by your future spouse? Are these concerns based on insecurity or previous issues with your mate?

To be answered by the man: In what ways do you feel most unprotected by your future spouse? Are these concerns based on insecurity or previous issues with your mate?

How do you expect to cultivate your faith together after you are married?

To be answered by the woman: In what ways do you feel protected by your future spouse?

Please provide examples of how your fiancée affirms you?

To be answered by the man: In what ways do you feel most protected by your future spouse? Please provide examples of how your fiancée affirms you.

How do you handle money? How does your fiancé handle money? What financial concerns do you have about your relationship? How much debt do you currently have? What is your attitude towards debt, use of credit cards, etc.?

What is your median credit score? Will this help or hurt your marital financial goals?

Who will manage your family finances? Do you have a tentative budget? Do you have financial goals? Are you able to provide it upon request?

Do you have, or have you had any, sicknesses or physical problems that could affect our relationship? (Allergies, cancer, eating disorders, venereal disease, etc.)

Mental Illness? Do you or your family members have a history of mental illness, bipolarism, depression, anxiety or suicidal thoughts? Have you been professionally diagnosed? Are you seeking medical and therapeutic treatment?

Do you believe in divine healing, and how would prayer relate to medical attention?

Do you exercise and believe in healthy eating?

Do you have any habits that adversely affect health? Smoking, tobacco, drug-use, over the counter drug misuse?

What are your thoughts about children? How soon would you like to have children? How many? If you should be unable to have children, would you adopt a child?

Are you blending families? How do you plan to parent within a blended & blessed family? Can blended children be disciplined equally by both spouses? If not, why?

If Blended & Blessed, which parent has the parental rights? How does this affect the extended family relationships of the child/children within your family?

How would your parenting of your children differ from that which you received?

What would you like to see God accomplish through your marriage?

What is your Marital Ministry? As a couple how are you going to give your time, your talents and treasures to God?

*What area of ministry do you currently serve (greeters, men’s ministry, choir, refuge productions) How are you contributing to the house of the Lord?*

\*Are you and your potential spouse currently tithing a tenth of your Gross salary? Consistently? Why or why not?

Malachi 3:10 *“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, “says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessings that there will not be room enough to store it.”*

Describe the kind of prayer life you want to have together when you get married? (*Ideally you should pray these four ways: Individually at set times, individually spontaneously, Together at set times, Together Spontaneously).*

*How often are you in the house of the Lord? Are you an Attender or are you a member? At what church are you a member? Does the church leadership recognize your daily contribution?*

*When do you visit your Pastor at the altar? When do you pray the most? Is it during a problem, during a testimony or both?*

If you and your fiancé have a major decision, what process would you use to ensure you will make a God-honoring decision?

Did you consult God first regarding your potential spouse? If so, what did he reveal to you?

Are you ready to make the shift from “Me to We”? If so, what steps have you taken to truly count the cost of the journey ahead?