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| Unmarried Innermost Feelings Questionnaire |

Name:

Describe your current dating status? Have you been dating consistently? Are you dating inconsistently: meaning that you have not been in a mutually consensual relationship in more than a year? Why or why not?

If applicable, is “not dating” someone a personal choice or have you not found the “right” person to begin a dating relationship with? Please explain in detail why?

Are you single or alone? What is the difference in being “single” and “alone” in your opinion? Please explain in detail.

What type of individuals are you typically attracted to physically? Explain in detail?

What positive character traits are you typically drawn to in a potential suitor? (courteous, smart, kind, joyful, compassionate, humble, dependable, etc.)

What negative character traits are you typically drawn to in a potential suitor? (cheaters, liars, manipulators, emotionally unavailable, abusive, immature.)

Are you dating to experience life through new dating connections or are you dating to marry? In your opinion, what is the difference?

What is the longest relationship you have been in that has not resulted in marriage?

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

How long is “too long” for a monogamous relationship that does not result in marriage? Explain your limits in length of dating?

Please think of your last 3 dating relationships, describe the similarities you have observed in their character? Both positive and negative?

Are you often broken up with or do you often break-up with others? Why do you feel you have taken the role of either the “Heartbreaker” or “Heartbroken” at the end of a relationship?

When your previous relationships have ended, is the conclusion typically mutual? Or not? Or did the person leave without explanation? Or did the relationship end without closure? Explain why?

How long after one relationship has ended do you begin another? Please be honest and explain in detail your dating pattern?

Are you often in relationships because you feel you cannot be alone? If applicable, please explain why?

Do you want to be married? Do you feel uncomfortable stating this to potential suitors or significant others prior to exclusivity in dating?

Do you feel you have a healthy or an unhealthy dating past? Has the result of your previous relationship(s) caused you not to trust new dating and platonic relationships?

Do you often feel betrayed in romantic and platonic relationships and friendships? What evidence in your past supports this? Provide one detailed example of why?

How would your friends describe your behavior in relationships? Would they say you dive in headfirst? That you are cautiously optimistic? Or that you act like a completely different person? If none of these examples apply, ask 2-3 of your closest friends the behaviors that they notice you typically exude in dating? Both positive and negative? Please detail below.

What baggage do you often bring with you into new relationships? (erratic behavior, jealousy, unforgiveness, abandonment, anger, abuse, soul-ties).

Would your family members and friends state you have a temper? Or would they suggest you are more passive aggressive? If applicable, please explain why?

In your opinion, how many positive relationship examples have you seen in your family? How many marriages are in your immediate family? If applicable, what is the length of their marriage(s)? How many divorces? How many divorces can you account for in your whole family and how many have never been married? Are there more married or non-married family members?

If you need guidance spiritually and relationally, who will you confide in other than your potential mate that provides wise counsel? Are they kingdom-minded?

What is or has been your parent’s or caregivers’ attitude towards your current or past significant others? Were their opinions negative or positive? We’re they, correct?

What does a monogamous dating relationship look like to you?

Is sex expected in a monogamous dating relationship? Why or why not?

Do you feel you or your significant other will lose interest in the relationship if you are not sexually active? Why or why not?

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” issue 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?

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

How many married couples are you friends with? If applicable, do you look to your married friends for relationship guidance? Why or why not?

How will you all go about eliminating negative outside influences that once held close ties to you as a single-individual, when entering a covenant relationship? What is your definition of a covenant relationship?

How do you express your love? How do you like to receive love? Is the way that you express and receive love the same or is it different?

Are you honest? Will you be completely transparent with your significant other or is your honesty conditional? Please explain why or why not?

What are the relational strengths you bring to a prospective mate as a husband or a wife?

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

Name one or more minor conflicts that a prospective mate needs to know before entering a covenant relationship with you? (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 that a prospective mate needs to know before entering a covenant relationship with you? (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 that a prospective mate needs to know before entering a covenant relationship with you. (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…”

Currently or in the past are there any relationships for you or your significant other 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 while in a relationship, in situations where one of you might be alone with someone of the opposite sex?

What are you 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?

How will you prevent the marriage bed from being defiled?

Has trust in your current or previous relationship(s) 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 in your prospective marriage, what needs to occur for you to gain trust back?

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

If married, 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: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

To be answered by the woman: Do you have, or have you had any reservations or concerns about the men you have dated and their 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 he may need to grow?

To be answered by the man: Do you have, or have you had any reservations or concerns about the women you have dated? Have you had any reservations or concerns about her 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 she needs to grow?

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?

To be answered by the woman: In what ways do you feel most unprotected by men you have dated? How will you articulate dealbreakers to your future spouse before marriage ensuring your concerns are addressed and heard?

To be answered by the man: In what ways do you feel most unprotected by women you have dated? How will you articulate dealbreakers to your future spouse before marriage ensuring your concerns are addressed and heard?

How do you expect to cultivate your faith together before and after you are married? How will you ensure that their spiritual life isn’t just an act but is their true character?

To be answered by the woman: In what ways do you feel most protected by men? Please provide examples of how men in your past have affirmed you. Either in romantic relationships, father-figures, brotherly bonds, or platonic male relationships?

To be answered by the man: In what ways do you feel most protected by women? Please provide examples of how women in your past have affirmed you. Either in romantic relationships, father-figures, sisterly bonds, or platonic female relationships?

How important is higher education to you? Do you require your mate to earn or have earned a higher education degree? Please explain in detail.

How do you handle money? What financial concerns do you have, or have you had about your previous dating relationship(s)? How much debt do you currently have? What is your attitude towards debt, use of credit cards, etc.? If you were to be married now, how much debt would you bring into the marriage?

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?

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

How soon do you introduce your children to the man or woman you are dating? In what ways do you verify a significant other is suitable to bring around your child or children? What precautions do you take? How many of your suitors have your children met in their lifetime? How do you know he or she is safe?

Be honest, do you feel your children have seen a revolving door of dating partners? If so, what is the impact this may have or haven’t had in their lives?

If you were to marry today, would you be 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, do you have parental rights? How does this affect the extended family relationships of the child/children within your family? How would you address this with a potential mate?

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

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

Did you know that marriage is a ministry? Prior to marriage, 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, children’s ministry) How are you contributing to the house of the Lord?*

\*Are you 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.”*

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 whomever you date or marry?

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 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 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 have a major decision, what process would you use to ensure you will make a God-honoring decision? How will you carry this over into marriage?

Did you consult God first before dating or moving forward in a committed relationship? If so, what did God reveal to you? Did he call you to move forward or standstill? How do you know it was God’s voice and not your own?

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?